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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45180

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MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

City of Trinidad

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Trinidad

Zip*

95570

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Project Title*

City of Trinidad - Water System Critical Equipment Replacements

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

17,000

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

Agencies are encourage to submit one project per application. If your agency is submitting more than one application, please rank this application in terms of your agency's priority here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

17,000

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

100

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

17,000

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- ☐ Humboldt County Department
- ☐ Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- ☒ Local Government Entity
- ☐ Private Service Provider
- ☐ Non-Profit Service Provider
- ☐ Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No



If you checked "yes" please include the following:

1. a report detailing results from the most recent year the project was funded, and:
2. a completed Staffing Report detailing when the funded positions were filled during the most recent year you received funding for this project.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

4. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding.*

The City is seeking Measure Z funding to assist in the replacement of critical infrastructure within our water treatment plant that are at the end of their useful life. If critical infrastructure fails, the City would be unable to produce safe drinking water and water for firefighting capacity. Two critical items that need replacement are one 6" submersible wet well pump and one intermediate pump. If these two critical pieces of infrastructure fail, we will be unable to provide clean safe drinking water or provide water for firefighting capacity to both the City of Trinidad, and Westhaven, the neighboring community to the south. The 6" submersible wet well pump we are requesting funding for is responsible for pulling water out the City's water source, Luffenholtz Creek, and into the water plant's flocculator to be treated. The City currently has two, one new and the other at the end of its life. This piece of infrastructure is an essential part of the water treatment plant, and if one of the pumps fails, the City would be solely relying on one pump. Operating with only one pump, runs the risk of overworking the present new pump. If the new pump fails, the City would be unable to pull any water out of the creek. The City presently faces the same situation with the intermediate pump. The intermediate pump sets the stage for getting the water into the City's distribution system. An intermediate pump specifically pulls the treated water out of the flocculator, into the filters, and into the distribution system to serve our water customers. If this pump fails, we cannot pump any water into the distribution system. Thereby, putting the City in the same situation of not being able to produce safe drinking water, or providing water for firefighting.

5. Describe how the scope of your proposal fits the intent of Measure Z. Specifically, how will it maintain and improve public safety and essential services?*

The City is applying for Measure Z funds, as it is seeking additional resources that will assist in maintaining and improving the essential service of providing safe and reliable drinking water to our water customers, and water for firefighting capacity to both the City and Westhaven. The City of Trinidad is continuing to feel the impact that comes along with aging infrastructure at our water plant, and aging pipeline throughout our district. Being a small jurisdiction, with limited resources, the City heavily relies on grant funding to make improvements at the water treatment plant and our distribution system, such as our recent completion of a new water storage tank and upgrades to portions of our water distribution system, funded by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). However, aside from the Measure Z funding received last fiscal year, the City has not been successful in securing funding for replacing water plant equipment at the end of their useful life, which has a high consequence of failure, i.e. critical to producing water. During the winter of fiscal year 24-25, we experienced aged pipes rusting and breaking; damaging the inside our water plant, which led to electrical power surges as additional equipment was compromised. In 2026, we started off the new year with a broken pipe along Scenic Drive that led to a complete loss of all water within our water storage tanks. This all occurred during a storm event, and due to the quality of our source water, and high turbidity, we were unable to treat our water. Due to the inability to perform treatment, the City was forced to truck in water. The City has actively explored ways to improve our water system, but improvements continue to be funding dependent. Continued pipe failure, and the inability to replace other aging water plant infrastructure such as pumps and turbidimeters, can cause interruptions in water delivery and jeopardize the ability to provide safe and reliable drinking water to our customers. As we recently experienced. Not only would it jeopardize our ability to provide safe and reliable drinking water, we would also be unable to provide an adequate water supply to fight fires in the event of one. We recently finished construction of an intertie with Westhaven, funded by DWR, but even if the intertie had been operational, the intertie alone could not have supported the water demand of the City for the period of time it was required during the loss of our entire water supply. If awarded Measure Z funding, the City would immediately improve public safety by improving reliability in delivering safe drinking water, along with immediately improving public safety by increasing our fire resiliency.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

The geographic areas/populations that will be served with the Measure Z funding we are requesting are the City of Trinidad, Trinidad Rancheria, and a part of the community that reside within unincorporated Westhaven (County). These locations are all within the City's sphere of influence.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The City continues to execute its developed plan to create sustainable and diversified funding sources. Based on the City's recent water rate study, the City has begun increasing the water rates and developed a capital improvement plan. The City also decreased its costs by finding an alternative Chief Plant Operator (CPO) and supported (and continues to support) current staff during their certification process. At this time, we have one operator that has received their T3 and D2 certification status and has nearly completed the required 1800 hours of training under another T3 operator to become fully certified to run our T3 Water Treatment Plant. We also have two employees that have successfully received their T2 certification. When the City lost its Chief Plant Operator during COVID, the contracted certificated T3, hired by the City, had been extremely costly and resulted in heavy losses to the City's Water Fund for three years, reducing the Water Reserves to zero, but by moving away from a CPO that was a financial drain, the City has begun to move in the right direction. The City is optimistic that through our newly implemented water rates, and in-house staff, we will reduce or eliminate losses to the water system operating budget. The City has been focused on rebuilding our Water Fund Operations and Maintenance Reserves, Emergency Reserves, and Capital Reserves, which we acknowledge takes time. Once the City accomplishes heavily reducing our losses to the operating budget, we no longer would require future Measure Z funds.

8. If this request is for the continuation or expansion of an existing program/service, what is the current source of funding for that program/service?*

This is not a request for the continuation or expansion of an existing program/service.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

If the City is awarded Measure Z funds, giving the City the opportunity to update our infrastructure, we will be able to continue to build our capital reserves, and improve the water system’s eligibility and competitiveness in securing new grant funding for water system improvements. Many grants take into consideration the water system’s finances and ability to maintain operations, and the funds awarded by Measure Z will allow us to replace aging infrastructure and continue to focus on rebuilding reserves that were depleted. This will allow the City to be more competitive in the application process for future grant funding.

10. Will this proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, name that entity and describe what that participation would look like. *

No, the proposal will not require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

Please note, the Citizens’ Advisory Committee in May, 2023, adopted a stance that it would not recommend funding for new, ongoing county positions.

No

12. If awarded less than the full amount requested, could the proposed project still be implemented? If yes, please identify the minimum funding amount required for the project to remain feasible and describe any changes to scope or outcomes.*

Yes, but we would require a minimum of \$6,000.00 in funding, resulting in the outcome of only purchasing one of two pieces of equipment.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with your application.

Prior Year Results

If your request is a continuation of a program funded with Measure Z in prior fiscal years, please provide the results of implementation. (one page maximum)

Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

Choose File No file chosen

Program Budget

[Download the budget narrative](#), then upload using the button at right.

Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget.final.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

Upload Staffing Report Attachment

Measure Z Staffing Report.final.xlsx

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

Upload Letters of Support

Choose File No file chosen

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statements and all attachments are true and correct.

Date*

2/25/2026

05:15 AM

Signature*

Gabriel Adams

Type Approving Official's Name

Measure Z Agenda Notifications

[Sign up on our website](#) to be notified when Measure Z agendas are posted. The applications are discussed in open session and it is often valuable for applicants to attend in person or virtually to address the committee.

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name:	City of Trinidad	Address:	409 Trinity St./PO Box 390 Trinidad, CA 95570
Coordinator/Contact:	Gabriel Adams	Phone:	707.677.0223

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Salaries Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benefits Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title:				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: 6" Submersible Wet well Pump				
<u>Essential equipment:</u> Wet well pumps are responsible for pulling water out of the City's source water and into the City's flocculator to be treated. The wet well pump is an essential part of the City's water treatment plant.				
Description: Equipment is at the end of its useful life.	6,000.00			
Title: Intermediate Pump				
<u>Essential equipment:</u> Intermediate pumps are responsible for pulling treated water out of the flocculator, into the City's filters, and into our distribution system. The intermediate pump is an essential part of the treatment plant. Equipment is at the end of its useful life.				
Description: plant. Equipment is at the end of its useful life.	11,000.00			
Equipment Subtotal:	17,000.00	0	0	17000
Title: Supplies				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under				
Description: \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)				
Title:				
Description:				
Supplies Subtotal:	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or contracted				
Description: services, or other expenses that are not equipment or supplies)				
Title:				
Description:				
Services/Other Subtotal:	0.00	0	0	0
otal Equipment/Supplies/Services:	17,000.00	0	0	17000
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel				
Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel				
Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your projec				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title:				
Description:				

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Coordinator/Contact:	Gabriel Adams	Phone:	707.677.0223

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0
Totals	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00
	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance

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