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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures is now accepting applications for funding. Measure Z, Humboldt County's Public Safety/Essential Services Measure, is a half-cent sales tax, passed by the voters of Humboldt County during the November 2014 general election.

The Advisory Committee meets on each Thursday in March to review applications and will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in April.

Applications for funding must be filed with the County Administrative Office BY 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 15, 2021. Postmarks are not acceptable for meeting this deadline.

Agency Name:

Fortuna Police Department

Contact Person/Title:

Casey J. Day / Chief of Police

Mailing Address:

PO Box 545

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707-7257550

City:

Fortuna

Zip code

95540

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1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22: \$ 50,000.00

2. Entity Type:

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (Describe Below)

Other:

3. 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, as described on the previous page? (750 character limit)

The City of Fortuna has successfully re-established the police K9 program without Measure Z funding. However, augmented funding is necessary to mitigate operating costs associated with personnel, call outs, overtime associated with training, vet care and requests for assistance from allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. The new K9 program will allow the FPD to have multi-purpose capabilities including: Drug detection, criminal apprehension, and assistance with tracking and locating missing persons. The K9 program dramatically improves officer safety, improves event security, deters criminals from fleeing, and reduces aggression toward officers. Finally, the K9 program will improve the overall public relationships with the community.

4. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding. (1500 character limit)

The City of Fortuna has successfully re-established the police K9 program without Measure Z funding. However, augmented funding is necessary to mitigate operating costs associated with personnel, call outs, and unscheduled requests for K9 assistance from allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. Specifically, this request is for the use of Measure Z funding for salary and equipment costs. Funds will be primarily used to provide compensation of overtime costs associated with the K9 handler(s) response to assist sworn personnel with K9 specific law enforcement needs including requests by allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. The FPD K9 may also be an excellent choice for integration with the County SWAT Team.

Measure Z funding will not cover the officer(s) regular pay and benefits but would compensate the officer(s) for stipend, off duty hours, call outs, allied agency call outs, overtime associated with specialized training, vet care, regular care and maintenance of dog(s) such as grooming etc., supplies, training and travel costs, and K-9 vehicle maintenance.

5. 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? (750 character limit)

The City of Fortuna has been able to re-establish the K-9 program using a combination of Measure E funding, community partnerships, and grants. Community partnerships have assisted with fundraising and a matching grant was obtained from the American Kennel Club to assist with dog procurement. In addition, the City of Fortuna is actively working on several revenue enhancing strategies, to include City fee increases, staff restructuring and is continuing to build and solidify sales tax revenue by making Fortuna an attractive venue to locate or re-locate businesses.

6. 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? (500 character limit)

The officer(s) that would serve as the K9 officer is paid for by the City of Fortuna.

7. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? (500 character limit)

The grant request will allow for augmented funding which is necessary to mitigate operating costs associated with K9 personnel, call outs, and unscheduled requests for assistance from allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. K9 Unit at the FPD. The K9 Officer will greatly expand capabilities to allied agencies throughout Humboldt County including the Eel River Valley. The City will also seek to use this funding to leverage additional grants to support the program including program growth.

8. Will the proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, name the entity and describe what participation would look like. (750 character limit)

No

9. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel costs?

No Yes

If Yes, detail those expenses here: (500 character limit)

See attached K-9 FY2021-22 Budget Estimate

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)

Program Budget: Please utilize the template provided on the following pages. This will need to be updated if your agency is approved for funding.

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:

Signature:



SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office * 825 Fifth Street, Suite 112 * Eureka, CA 95501-1153 * cao@co.humboldt.ca.us

K-9 Officer - FY2021-22 Budget Estimate

	FY 21-22 Proposed Amount	FY 20-21 BOS Approved Amount	Note
Total Employee Pay	\$ -	\$ -	City is not requesting that the Officers Regular Pay and Benefits be included in this funding proposal; this would be considered the City's match if the Measure Z Committee approved the proposal.
Overtime Stipend	6,000.00		This is to compensate the Officer for off duty hours spent caring, grooming, feeding and otherwise maintaining their canine unit.
Overtime	23,400.00		This is for Overtime costs associated with the officer attending required handler trainings and call outs for K-9 services.
Total Employee Benefits	5,100.00		Medicare and Workers' Comp on OT Wages
Total Personnel Cost	\$ 34,500.00	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	Food, Grooming, Misc.
Vehicle Reparis and Maintenance	1,500.00		
Veterinary Expenses	2,500.00		
Total Consumable/Supplies	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	
Training and Travel	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	Monthly K-9 and Handler Training.
Total Training and Travel Costs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
Total Employee Cost	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	

CITY OF FORTUNA POLICE: K-9 PROGRAM

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

Attachment 1 – Proposal Narrative

The Fortuna Police Department is very proud of the working relationships we have fostered with many county agencies. The Fortuna Police Department works very closely with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Mental Health, County Probation and many other county agencies.

Upon inception of Measure Z, the City Finance Department estimated that Measure Z would generate roughly \$1,000,000 per year within the City Limits of Fortuna. The City of Fortuna is the fastest growing incorporated city in Humboldt County and has experienced a population growth of over 16% since 2000. The police department has also seen the total number of calls for service almost double in the past fifteen years, from roughly 11,000 CFS in 2005 to nearly 24,000 in 2020. With a city population of nearly 13,000, the City of Fortuna serves as the "hub" of the Eel River Valley as the major shopping and business center for the area.

The Fortuna Police Department has re-established the departments K9 Program which was historically robust and extremely active for many years, until the medical retirement of K9 Nordy in February of 2019. The Fortuna PD has procured one K9 and will be working toward a second to serve the Eel River Valley and all allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. Historically, Fortuna PD K9's assisted nearly every law enforcement agency in Humboldt County, no matter what time it was, day or night! Fortuna Police Department K9's has always been and will continue to be very active and involved in our local communities, participating in community events, visiting schools, and meeting with community groups and organizations.

Fortuna Police Department K9's has always been and will continue to be very active in law enforcement activities apprehending dangerous wanted subjects, clearing buildings of potential threats, keeping our officers safe, gaining voluntary compliance from suspects and much more. Fortuna K9's will also be an excellent choice for integration into the County SWAT Team for a SWAT & K9's Interacting During Deployment (S.K.I.D.D.S.) program which will serve the County in an even more sophisticated and specific area.

The Fortuna Police Department will use Measure Z funds to augment the program and cover overtime payments associated with K9 handler(s) salary for call outs and unscheduled call out / responses to assist allied agencies with K9 specific needs throughout Humboldt County. Measure Z funding will not cover the officer(s) regular pay and benefits but would compensate the officer(s) for stipend, off duty hours, call outs, allied agency call outs, overtime associated with specialized training, vet care, regular care and maintenance of dog(s) such as grooming etc., supplies, training and travel costs, and K-9 vehicle maintenance. The K9 will serve federal, state, and local agencies with K9 related needs. However, there is a cost associated with the overtime needed to cover 24/7 needs associated with call outs. The Fortuna Police K9 or K9's will be trained in basic patrol and narcotics detection with additional S.K.I.D.D.S. training being provided if integration with SWAT is requested by the Sheriff at a later time.

The Fortuna Police were able to re-establish the K-9 program by utilizing Measure E funds, community fundraising, and grants. These efforts have covered training, equipment, and procurement which are central to the re-establishment of the program. However, the estimated cost to cover overtime rates for the selected handler(s) and 24/7 on call services is estimated to be approximately \$50,000. The Fortuna Police Department looks forward to continuing police K9 services for Fortuna and throughout Humboldt County and working collaboratively with our allied partners in law enforcement as a K9 resource. The overarching goal of the Fortuna Police K9 program is to make all of Humboldt County a safer and better place to live, work and enjoy.

CITY OF FORTUNA POLICE: K-9
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON *MEASURE Z* EXPENDITURES
Attachment 2 – Prior Year Results

N/A – No Prior year data to report.