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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:

Eureka City Schools

Contact Person/Title:

Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mailing Address:

2100 J Street

Phone Number:

707-441-2414

City:

Eureka

Zip code

95501

Email address:

vanvleckf@eurekacityschools.org

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22:

\$

79,000

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:

School District

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 goal of a partnership into a school resource officer (SRO) programs includes providing safe learning environments in our county's schools, providing valuable resources to school staff members, fostering positive relationships with youth, developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students, so that they can reach their fullest potentials. The National Association of School Resource Officers considers it a best practice to use a "triad concept" to define the three main roles of school resource officers: educator, informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer.

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

Eureka City Schools, in partnership with South Bay Union Elementary, Cutten Elementary, Freshwater Elementary, and Garfield Elementary School Districts and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office are seeking funding for a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) to work with students in the greater Eureka area to assist in building positive law enforcement relationships, image and enhancing student safety.

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 success of the program will generate interest with our local school districts and the Sheriff's office to eventually create the commitment to fund the officer. This model is successful with the Eureka Police Department and Eureka City Schools where we split the funding for a Eureka Police Department Resource Officer. Unfortunately, the Eureka Police Department jurisdiction does not include many of our schools, so we are reliant upon the Sheriff's Office creating the need for a partnership.

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)

This would be an expansion over Eureka City School's current partnership with the Eureka Police Department where we each pay for half of a school resource officer. The source of this funding is the General Fund of the City of Eureka and Eureka City Schools.

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)

As public school Districts, we are eligible for many grants that other agencies are not. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in identifying a grant for a SRO, but there are many grants available for safe school training. We will also be able to have this officer join a team of other SRO's in Humboldt County on a safe school taskforce. Safe schools resonates with our community and will build tremendous community support.

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)

For the school districts, no. The Humboldt County's Sheriff's office would need to increase their staff by one officer.

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

No Yes

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

The full cost for an officer, gear and a vehicle is \$158,000 per year. In the 21-2022 fiscal year, we are requesting \$79,000 to staff an officer for one half of the year.

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

Proposal Narrative:

The goal of a partnership into a school resource officer (SRO) programs includes providing safe learning environments in our county's schools, providing valuable resources to school staff members, fostering positive relationships with youth, developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students, so that they can reach their fullest potentials. The National Association of School Resource Officers considers it a best practice to use a "triad concept" to define the three main roles of school resource officers: educator, informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer.

Humboldt County Schools have the highest population of students (by percentage) in California who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences. This in combination with the highest percentage of students with disabilities in Humboldt County creates a need to better serve our youth. An effective SRO will have a positive impact on the future of students and our community.

Researchers at Canada's Carleton University conducted a two-year study of an SRO program in the Regional Municipality of Peel. In their 2018 report, they concluded that for every dollar invested in a school resource officer program, a minimum of \$11.13 of social and economic value was created. The report lists numerous benefits of the program, including:

- Prevention or minimization of property damage in the school and surrounding areas.
- Prevention of student injuries and even death due to violence, drug overdoses, etc.
- Reduction of the need for schools to call 911.
- Reduction of the likelihood that a student will get a criminal record.
- Increase of the likelihood that students (particularly those with mental health issues) will get the help they need from the social service and health care systems.
- Increase in feelings of safety among students and staff.

This will be a positive investment in the future of Humboldt County.

Program Budget:

2020-21 Fiscal Year:

\$79,000 for the hiring, equipping and vehicle for one Sheriff School Resource Office to have a starting date of January 2021. Office supplies, computer and space to be provided by Eureka City Schools.



Cutten School District

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Letter of Partnership and Support

February 10, 2021

Humboldt County
Citizens' Advisory Committee
on Measure Z Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Room 112
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Re: Letter of Partnership and Support for
Measure Z Funding – School Resource Officer

Dear Advisory Committee:

Cutten Elementary School District is partnering in and supporting the request from Eureka City Schools for Measure Z funds to hire a School Resource Officer (SRO) through the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The SRO would provide support and assistance to Eureka City Schools, Cutten School District, South Bay School District, Freshwater Elementary School, and Garfield Elementary School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 707-441-3930.

Sincerely,

Susan Ivey
Superintendent/Principal
Cutten School District

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Re: Letter of Partnership and Support for
Measure Z Funding – School Resource Officer

Dear Advisory Committee:

Freshwater School District is partnering in and supporting the request from Eureka City Schools for Measure Z funds to hire a School Resource Officer (SRO) through the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The SRO would provide support and assistance to Eureka City Schools, Cutten School District, South Bay School District, Freshwater School District, and Garfield School District.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 442-2969.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Si Talty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Si Talty
Superintendent/Principal
Freshwater School District



SOUTH BAY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Letter of Partnership and Support for
Measure Z Funding – School Resource Officer

Dear Advisory Committee:

The South Bay Union Elementary School District is partnering with and supporting Eureka City Schools' request for Measure Z funds to hire a School Resource Officer (SRO) through the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The SRO would provide support and assistance to Eureka City Schools, Cutten School District, South Bay School District, Freshwater Elementary School, and Garfield Elementary School.

I believe that there is no more significant investment we can make than investing in our youth. An SRO would provide an added key component to our Safe Schools Programs. Without question, our students, their families, and our surrounding greater Eureka community would benefit from an SRO.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 707.267.9174 or by email at gstorts@southbayusd.org.

Sincerely,

Gary Storts
Superintendent
South Bay Union Elementary School District

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