



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

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

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name: Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2023-2024: \$ 3,025,257.50

2. ENTITY TYPE -- Please check appropriate box.

a. Humboldt County Department

b. Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County

c. Local Government Entity

d. Private Service Provider

e. Non-Profit Service Provider

f. Other, Describe: Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Assoc. **X**

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by *Measure Z* in the past?
(check one) Yes No

4. 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?

The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association (HCFCA) is seeking funding in three areas that would directly benefit volunteer/rural fire agencies including equipment, dispatch services, and out-of-jurisdiction funding. Measure Z has been critical in "maintaining rural fire protection and ambulance services" in Humboldt County. HCFCA surveys all 38 fire agencies in Humboldt County annually to determine their critical needs and submits a cohesive application that succinctly and efficiently represents all fire agencies. Per the County's own information regarding Measure Z goals, "volunteer fire departments and firefighters play critical roles in protecting life and property here in Humboldt County. Additional resources will help maintain rural fire and ambulance protection services, allowing our first responders to better - and more safely - protect County residents". These funding requests will be utilized to directly support this stated goal for Measure Z funds as approved by our County voters.



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

Humboldt County's volunteer/rural Fire agencies are in need of immediate funding in order to continue to provide first responder emergency response services. Measure Z funding would be immediately applied in three critical areas to ensure that there will not be a reduction or degradation in current fire service responses.

First, HCFCFA is seeking funding to purchase equipment for volunteer/rural firefighters to bring them up to a nationally recognized minimum level of safety equipment. Humboldt County is served by 38 individual fire departments, with 36 of these being made up entirely of volunteers. The members of these organizations, due to extremely limited revenue sources and resources, struggle to provide safe adequate response services to their communities. There are unmet and ongoing equipment needs, including departments whose Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was not replaced in previous funding cycles due to prioritizing the more significant of situations first. The five years of Measure Z funding has helped significantly but there are significant needs that still must be addressed. This section of the application includes structural and wildland firefighting PPE, fire hose, vehicle extrication tools, thermal imaging cameras and versus other firefighting tools.

Secondly, HCFCFA is requesting continuation of funding for dispatch fees incurred by all-volunteer fire departments. Currently Cal Fire, under a contract agreement, performs emergency dispatch services for nearly all of the fire agencies within Humboldt County. These dispatch and communication services are a key component for the successful response of volunteer/rural fire agencies to emergencies within the County. Without a reliable, unified and dedicated communications system, first responders would not receive timely notification of emergencies and would be unable to respond to calls for assistance. These funds would be utilized to directly support and maintain these dispatch services, ensuring that there is no disruption or lapse in critical communications and emergency services.

6. 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?

HCFCFA, in collaboration with planning partners, is working to establish long-term sustainability by securing funding through fire district and CSA formation and expansion and by identifying other strategies to sustain these critical services into the future. The allocation of a portion of Measure Z funds towards County staff to assist fire agencies in the process of becoming formal fire-related districts and/or annexing goodwill service areas, lays the groundwork for independence and financial sustainability. In addition, fire-related districts are official government agencies that are eligible for grants such as the annual Federal Assistance to Firefighters grant program and pre- and post-disaster grant programs funded through FEMA. Currently, many fire agencies in the County are not official government organizations and therefore are ineligible to receive some grants and other types of funding and assistance. Assisting these agencies in forming districts would solve this problem.

7. 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?

The components of the Humboldt County Fire Chief's request for Measure Z funding are a continuation of an existing program, including the funding of communication dispatch fees, continuation of the funding of the formal planning efforts with County planning partners, funding to continue to address PPE and fire hose needs within departments, and continuation of the out of jurisdiction responses. All have been supported by Measure Z funding in past funding cycles.



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

As noted above, funds obtained from Measure Z would be used to establish fire-related districts that are officially recognized local governmental entities. In the past years, the County has matched Measure Z funds with existing funding allocated to this effort up to \$10,000. The existing funds are limited and are not sufficient for achieving the goals explained in this proposal. Leveraging the two funding sources will ensure significant progress toward achieving the desired goals. In addition, hundreds of hours of volunteer fire department time will be contributed to the work described in this proposal as an In-Kind match.

9. 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.

The Association is trying a regional approach to this year's request to suit the needs of the vast area of Humboldt County. We narrowed our focus to three regions North Bay, Ell River Valley, And Southern Humboldt. This is to ensure all agencies' needs are met Humboldt County is served by 38 individual fire departments, with 36 of these being made up entirely of volunteers. The members of these organizations, due to extremely limited revenue sources and resources, struggle to provide safe, adequate response services to their communities. Even after years of Measure Z funding, there are unmet and ongoing equipment needs, including departments whose PPE was not replaced in previous funding cycles due to prioritizing the more significant situations first. If awarded, these funds would be utilized to purchase additional needed structural and wildland firefighting PPE, fire hose, vehicle extrication tools, thermal imaging cameras (TIC), and automatic external defibrillators (AED).

10. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? Please check yes or no: Yes No **NO**

If you checked yes, detail those expenses here:

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS



Include the following with your application, making sure to **limit your responses to one page, per section**. Responses longer than the maximum, may not be read by committee members or considered as part of 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: 2-17-23

SIGNATURE: [Handwritten 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

HCFC Measure Z Estimated Budget 2023/2024

Planning	91,000.00
Disbatching 55/45%	237,762.50
HCRC	40,275.00
North Bay region	960,000.00
Ell River region	852,000.00
Southern Humboldt region	844,220.00
Total Requested	3,025,257.50

North Bay Measure Z Estimated Budget 2023/2024

Total Realistic Available	850,000.00
Structure Gear	150,000.00
Wildland Gear	50,000.00
Portable Radio	100,000.00
Mobile Radio	60,000.00
Fire Net Maitenance, upgrades	200,000.00
Extrication Equiptment	80,000.00
SCBA	100,000.00
Gas Meters	20,000.00
Hose appliance cache	100,000.00
Apparatus Maintenance, pump testing	100,000.00
Total Requested	960,000.00

Eel River Valley Measure Z Estimated Budget 2023/2024

Portable classroom @ Fortuna training center	200,000.00
Training	50,000.00
Scba flow test, air machine, jaws, ladder yearly testing	35,000.00
Workers comp	150,000.00
Radios	150,000.00
ERV Fire Net	20,000.00
ERV Academy	10,000.00
Carlotta Tender	50,000.00
Wildland PPE	65,000.00
Web gear	22,000.00
SCBA replacement	100,000.00
Total Requested	852,000.00

Portable Classroom

classroom	\$150,000
site prep	\$50,000
<i>Total</i>	\$200,000

Training

Outside training	\$50,000
ERV Academy	\$10,000
<i>Total</i>	\$60,000

Wildland PPE Cache

100 Wildland Shelters	\$30,000
50 new Gen single layer wildland tops	\$17,500
50 single layer pants	\$17,500
<i>Total</i>	\$65,000

Hose

<u>1000' 3 inch</u>	\$8,780
<u>1000' 4 inch</u>	\$12,500
<i>Total</i>	\$21,280

Radios

portables	\$100,000
mobiles	\$50,000
<i>Total</i>	\$150,000

Web Gear

wolfpack	\$22,000
<i>Total</i>	\$22,000

Scba flow test, air machine, jaws, ladder yearly testing

Pump testing @ \$200 each	\$25,000
	\$10,000
<i>Total</i>	\$35,000

Carlotta water tender

Help with cost	\$50,000
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Total \$50,000

ERV Fire Net

Communications equipment / repeater

\$20,000

Total \$20,000

Workers Comp Insurance cost and Physicals

Total \$150,000

SCBA

on going replacement

Total \$100,000

\$852,000

SHVFC A Measure Z Estimated Budget 2023/2024

Rapid Response Type 6 Apparatus	570,000.00
Training	10,000.00
PPE	28,080.00
Apparatus Maintenance / 90 day inspections/pump testing	20,400.00
Hand tools, Box Lights, Headlamps	16,730.00
Medical Equipment	14,910.00
insurance & physicals \$5,000 per department	149,600.00
Hose and Brass	34,500.00
Total Requested	\$844,220

So Hum hose cache

5000 ft. 1 1/2"NH hose, 4000 ft. 1"NSPH	
40 100' 1" NSPH sticks	\$10,000
50 100' 1.5" NH sticks	\$10,000
50 inline hose tees	\$6,300
40 1" nozzles	\$600
10 new Claps	\$2,700
20 hose packs	\$4,940
<i>Total</i>	\$34,500

Training

PSFA instructors stipend, CPR Kit, Training Cache, Training room rental	\$2,000
Wildland Academy Briceland	\$4,000
Structure Academy, Supplies	\$4,000
<i>Total</i>	\$10,000

SoHum Wildland PPE Cache

20 Wildland Shelters	\$6,000
20 new Gen single layer wildland tops	\$7,000
20 single layer pants	\$7,000
20 Bullard full brim wildland helmets	\$1,400
20 sets of wildland gloves	\$800
20 wildland goggles	\$900
<i>Total</i>	\$28,080

Tools

Shatina/McCloud 2x per department	\$4,760
Headlamps 60	\$1,600
Box Lights 2 x per department	10,370
<i>Total</i>	\$16,730

Apparatus Maintenance / DOT inspections/pump testing

DOT inspection 3 engines per department @ \$200 each	10,200
Pump testing 3 engines per department @ \$200 each	\$10,200

	<i>Total</i>	\$20,400
Medical Equipment		
new trauma bags 2 per department		\$11,050
Oxygen tanks 1 per department		\$1,700
Regulators 1 per department		\$936
torniquets 2 per department		\$1,224
	<i>Total</i>	\$14,910

Workers Comp Insurance cost and Physicals 17 Departments *Total* \$149,600

Type 6 Quick Attack Rescues 3 @ \$190K *Total* \$570,000

Total request \$844,220

Round 1 23-24	Round 2 24-25	Round 3 25-26	Round 4 26-27
• Briceland*	Whitethorn*	Myers Flat	Shelter Cove
• Miranda	Palo Verde*	Alderpoint*	Garberville
• Telegraph Ridge	Garb/Spckr*	Honey Dew	Redway
•	Salmon Creek		

* On the list for a type 6 pending state funding

If state funding goes through we will be building 5 more type 6s for Briceland,

Whitethorn, Palo Verde, Garberville, and Alderpoint with state funding

and 3 more for Miranda, Telegraph Ridge, and Salmon Creek with Measure Z funding.