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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:

Contact Person/Title:

Fortuna Police Department

Casey J. Day / Chief of Police

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

\$ 185,922.95

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)

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

The placement and integration of the Fortuna Police Officer with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (DTF) has historically been a community commitment supported by Measure Z funding. Damage caused by drug abuse and addiction is reflected in many ways including: anti-social behavior, economic impact, and environmental destruction. Since ensuring the safety of our community, economy, and environment begins with local drug enforcement resources, the City of Fortuna is seeking continued funding from Measure Z to cover costs associated with the DTF position which include: salary, benefits and equipment costs. The Fortuna Police Officer assigned to DTF serves the entire County and provides unique insight into enforcement efforts and investigations sharing a nexus with the Eel River Valley.

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 ' s prior revenue enhancing strategies were negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The City of Fortuna continues to work toward future revenue enriching strategies despite Covid-19 related challenges. Strategies include: City fee increases, staff restructuring, and a continued effort to build and solidify sales tax revenue by making Fortuna an attractive venue to locate or re-locate businesses. Additionally, the City is always looking for opportunities to establish public and private partnerships. Although fee increases and sales tax revenues were areas most notably impacted by Covid-19, staff restructuring has been an area of concentration. The removal of the office supervisor position is the most recent example.

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 Drug Task Force Officer position has been funded by measure Z since 2017. It is currently funded by Measure Z.

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)

This grant request will continue the funding of one full-time police officer assigned as a Drug Task Force Agent with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. The City ' s General Fund will be leveraged for management, benefits, equipment, etc. to support this position. The continued integration of a sworn police officer position with DTF will allow the Fortuna Police to be in a better position to obtain various local, state and federal grant funding to curb the distribution and use of illegal drugs.

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 DTF 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: 02/09/2021

Signature:

Casey J. Day 

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

Humboldt County Measure Z Advisory Committee • Fiscal Year 2021-22 Application for Funding

Drug Task Force Officer - FY2021-22 Budget Estimate

	FY 21-22 Proposed Amount	FY 20-21 BOS Approved Amount	Note
Total Employee Pay	\$ 76,021.69	\$ 74,699.00	Base Pay plus incentives (including POST Cert, Residency, Uniform, Holiday Pay, Longevity, DTF special assignment pay)
Total Overtime Pay	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Total Employee Benefits	77,401.26	70,236.00	Medicare, Health Insurance, Retirement, Workers Comp
Total Personnel Cost	\$ 168,422.95	\$ 159,935.00	
Overhead and Occupancy Costs (~10%)	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	Kept at \$12,500, amount same as approved in previous years cycle
Mandated POST Training	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Total Operating Costs	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Consumable/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	
Travel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	Travel Costs related to training for DTF Officer
Total Travel Costs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
Total Employee Cost	\$ 185,922.95	\$ 162,435.00	

CITY OF FORTUNA POLICE: DRUG TASK FORCE OFFICER
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 the allied law enforcement agencies throughout Humboldt County. 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 countless other county agencies.

Upon inception of Measure Z, it was estimated that Measure Z would generate roughly \$1,000,000 per year within the city limits of Fortuna. The City of Fortuna remains the fastest growing incorporated city in Humboldt County. Fortuna's population has increased by over 16% in the past 20 years and the police department has 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 CFS 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.

Currently the Fortuna PD has a sworn officer assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (DTF), funded by Measure Z. This officer has given the Fortuna Police a presence at the DTF and allowed the FPD to assist and participate in drug enforcement operations throughout Humboldt County. (Refer to **Prior Year Results** for detailed analysis of the position). This will be the 6th year that a Fortuna Police Officer is assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. Our officer has become a valued and integral member of the DTF team. Since 2015, the Fortuna officer assigned to the DTF has been instrumental in drug investigations resulting in the arrests of many high level drug dealers, including those affiliated with major drug trafficking organizations, has lead or had direct involvement in investigations resulting in very large seizures of monetary and property assets, and illegal drugs. This continued success has severely reduced drug sales and distribution within Humboldt County. In addition, the Fortuna Police Officer assigned to DTF provides unique insight into people and places specific to the Eel River Valley.

The Fortuna Police Officer assigned to the Drug Task Force is currently leading or assisting in several high profile and large-scale investigations. In addition to his duties with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, our agent has been a resource to all of the law enforcement agencies in the Eel River Valley and has provided assistance and direction in many local law enforcement drug related cases.

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The cost to continue to provide this police officer to the DTF with salary, benefits and outfitting, is approximately \$177,435.22 per year. The placement and integration of the Fortuna Police Officer with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (DTF) has historically been a community commitment supported and made possible by Measure Z funding. The Fortuna Police Chief will continue to have an active role, and is now serving as the Executive Director of the Executive Board of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. The Fortuna Police Department and the Humboldt County Drug Task Force look forward to continuing this collaborative relationship, making all of Humboldt County a safer and healthier place to live.

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Attachment 2 – Prior Year Results

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The Fortuna Police Department was very fortunate to receive funding through Measure Z for fiscal year 2020/2021. Measure Z funding was provided to the City of Fortuna to assign a sworn police officer to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. With measure Z funding, a Fortuna Police Officer has been assigned to the DTF since August 21, 2015.

This agent is a valued and integral member of the DTF team. The commander of the DTF continues to be very complimentary on the work ethic and tangible results he has seen with the integration of our Fortuna Police Officer with the DTF. The FPD Officer assigned to the DTF has been directly responsible for making many drug related arrests within the Eel River Valley this past year, as well as in assisting the DTF team with many other arrests throughout the county. In fiscal year 2020/2021, our agent played a major role in identifying and serving several search warrants on suspected major drug traffickers and drug trafficking organizations throughout Humboldt County. Several pounds of Heroin, Methamphetamine, Concentrated Cannabis and prescription Narcotics were seized throughout Humboldt County during the prior year. Some examples of notable highlights include but are not limited to:

- 4.5 pounds of Heroin seized in Fortuna
- 8.5 pounds of Heroin seized from Fortuna resident
- 5 pounds of Methamphetamine seized in Rio Dell

In this past year, our agent has assisted in large scale drug busts, including the seizure of several pounds of controlled substances as previously mentioned. The Fortuna DTF Agent has also worked surveillance and covert, undercover operations in locations all over Humboldt County which have resulted in the seizure of controlled substances, cash, assets, and property from drug related arrests and operations.

Measure Z funding for the DTF Agent has made a positive impact in our department, and within the communities which extend throughout the Eel River Valley and countywide. Since being assigned to the DTF, our agency continues to see a dramatic rise in drug enforcement activity in the Eel River Valley. This Agent provides a unique insight into the locations and people involved in the narcotic underworld which provides an advantageous approach to drug enforcement specific to the Eel River Valley and throughout Humboldt County. The FPD officer assigned to DTF reports weekly to the police administration and to the Chief of Police. The Fortuna P.D. DTF Agent briefs the Fortuna Police Chief monthly on all cases handled by DTF within the County. Our officer is a full-time member of the task force and has taken on many ancillary duties within the Drug Task Force. He is well liked by the other agents and staff at the DTF office and has made a beneficial and positive addition to the task force resulting in direct and positive contributions to curtail illegal drug operations throughout Humboldt County.

The Measure Z funding of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force Agent has been nothing but overwhelmingly positive and it has made a dramatic impact on the safety of our community. The addition of this position has resulted in many more narcotics investigations, operations, seizures and arrests in our community and countywide, making the entire county a safer place to live, work and enjoy.