



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

The 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: Fortuna Police Department

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2023-2024: \$207,938.09

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: FORTUNA POLICE DEPT

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?

Trafficking and abuse of drugs in the United States affects nearly all aspects of life within the community. The economic cost alone is immense and the damage caused by drug abuse and addiction is reflected in an overburdened justice system, strained healthcare system, lost productivity, and environmental destruction. DTF's ability to reduce the impact of drug crimes through investigation of individuals and organizations involved in narcotics trafficking and organized crime is imperative to the overall safety of the community. The integration of the Fortuna Police Officer with DTF provides the resources needed to enhance public safety in the Eel River Valley by reducing drug related crimes and the byproduct of threats to public safety caused by illicit drug trafficking.



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

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 which share a specific nexus with the Eel River Valley.

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?

Some of the more traditional revenue enhancing strategies are not applicable to the DTF position. It is unlikely that the City of Fortuna would ever consider fee for service structure and the Fortuna Police Department does not have enough staffing to utilize existing personnel resources to fill this position. However, the City of Fortuna continues to work toward future revenue enrichment strategies through increases in City fees, staff restructuring, and a continued effort to build and solidify sales tax revenue by making Fortuna and attractive venue to locate or re-locate businesses. Additionally, the City is always looking for opportunities to establish public and private partnerships involved with funding. Using third party funding or grant funding may become more of a possibility as we navigate into the future and past post-pandemic economic impacts and recovery.

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

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

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. The FPD will also be in a position to obtain a share of the asset forfeiture funds distributed to participating agencies by the County Drug Task Force.

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.

No.



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

If you checked yes, detail those expenses here:

Pay:	
Base Pay	\$65,639.81
Incentive Pay for SRO/DTF (5%)	\$3,281.99
Longevity Pay (5%)	\$3,281.99
Advanced POST Cert	\$6,600.00
Uniform Allowance	\$1,000.00
Residency Incentive	\$600.00
Subtotal Employee Pay	\$80,403.79
Holiday Pay (paid out once a year)	\$3,710.94
Overtime Pay	\$18,000.00
Benefits:	
Medicare - Employer Portion (FICA)(1.45%)	\$1,219.66
Medical Insurance - Employer Portion	\$28,897.60
CalPERS Required Employer Contribution	\$18,700.00
CalPERS Employer Normal Cost (23.75%)	\$21,797.47
Workers' Compensation (15.8060%)	\$12,708.62
Total Employee Benefits	\$83,323.35
Total Employee Pay and Benefits	\$167,438.09
Overhead and Occupancy Costs (~10%)	\$12,500.00
Mandated POST Training	\$2,500.00
Total Operating Costs	\$15,000.00
Supplies	
Total Consumable/Supplies	\$5,000.00
Travel	
Total Travel Costs	\$2,500.00
Total	\$207,938.09



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: 01/26/2023

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

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 our allied 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 many other County agencies.

Upon inception of Measure Z, The City's 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 the police department has seen the total number of calls for service (CFS) almost double in the past sixteen years, from roughly 11,000 CFS in 2005 to nearly 24,000 CFS in 2019, 21,617 CFS in 2020, 20,064 CFS in 2021, and 17,953 CFS in 2022. 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, funded by Measure Z. This officer has given the Fortuna PD a presence at the Drug Task Force 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 7th year that a Fortuna Police Officer has been assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (at the end of this proposed funding cycle). 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 of DTF has severely reduced drug sales and distribution within Humboldt County. ***In September 2022, the Fortuna DTF member and Fortuna K-9's were instrumental in DTF's seizure of guns, illicit cash, and 30 pounds of methamphetamine along with cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, and cannabis which quantified as the single largest one time seizure in DTF history.***

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. The DTF agent also comes down to the Eel River Valley once a week to perform presumptive drug testing using the TrueNarc test. There is currently no TrueNarc machines in the Eel River Valley.

The cost to continue to provide this police officer to the DTF with salary, benefits and outfitting, is approximately \$207,938.09 per year. This request does not include any additional discretionary payment for the PERS unfunded liability, only the employers normal cost and required employer contribution. The Fortuna Police Chief continues to have a direct and active role as a member 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 relationship and making all of Humboldt County a safer and better place to live, work and enjoy.

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Attachment 2 – Prior Year Results

With funding from Measure Z the Fortuna Police Department has been able to have a Fortuna Police Officer assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. The DTF Agent serves the Eel River Valley and the County as a whole, conducting criminal investigations and combating drug trafficking operations. With measure Z funding, a Fortuna Police Officer has been assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force since 2015.

This agent is a valued and integral member of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force team. The Commander of the task force continues to be very complimentary on the work ethic and tangible results he has seen with our Agent.

During FFY 21/22 Humboldt County has seen a high percentage of fentanyl use. This is resulting in an increase in overdose deaths associated with fentanyl. The Humboldt County Drug Task Force combats drug trafficking operations seizing illegal narcotics and arresting those responsible for trafficking them. The FPD Agent at the Humboldt County Drug Task Force assisted in seizing over several pounds of illegal narcotics that include fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine and other narcotics. The FPD agent assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force assisted in seizing firearms and large sums of currency related to illegal drug trafficking operations. Throughout FFY 21/22 Agents seized pounds of fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, illegal prescription pills, illegally possessed firearms and arrested numerous subjects associated with this criminal activity. During one operation Agents seized approximately 15,000 "M30" fentanyl pills, keeping them off the streets.

During FFY 21/22 FPD Agent received ongoing training in asset forfeiture procedures, de-escalation tactics and interdiction investigations and enforcement.

During FFY 21/22 FPD Agent gave an educational presentation to the Fortuna Union High School Board on the dangers of fentanyl and strategies to protect staff and students.

The FPD Agent reports weekly to the FPD admin and the Chief of Police is briefed monthly on all cases handled by the Humboldt County Drug Task Force within the County. The FPD Agent is a committed active full-time member of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force team.

The FPD Agent executes several search warrants, conducts undercover operations, conducts surveillance and worked with confidential informants in the drug trade, which is generally outside the scope of a patrol officer. The FPD Agent funded by Measure Z has and continues to make a positive impact in communities in the Eel River Valley and throughout the county. The FPD Agent assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force is a huge asset to the Fortuna Police Department and the Task Force.

Drug Task Force Officer - FY2023-24 Budget Estimate

	FY 23-24 Proposed Amount	FY 22-23 BOS Approved Amount	Note
Total Employee Pay	\$ 84,114.74	\$ 84,115.00	Base Pay plus incentives (including POST Cert, Residency, Uniform, Holiday Pay, Longevity, DTF special assignment pay)
Total Overtime Pay	18,000.00	15,000.00	
Total Employee Benefits	83,323.35	82,287.00	Medicare, Health Insurance, Retirement, Workers Comp
Total Personnel Cost	\$ 185,438.09	\$ 181,402.00	
Overhead and Occupancy Costs (~10%)	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 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	\$ 15,000.00	
Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Fuel, Supplies, etc.
Total Consumable/Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Travel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Travel Costs related to training for DTF Officer
Total Travel Costs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Total Employee Cost	\$ 207,938.09	\$ 203,902.00	

Police Officer - FY2023-24 Budget Estimate

	Proposed Amount	Approved Amount
Pay:		
Base Pay	\$ 65,639.81	
Incentive Pay for SRO/DTF (5%)	3,281.99	
Longevity Pay (5%)	3,281.99	
Advanced POST Cert	6,600.00	
Uniform Allowance	1,000.00	
Residency Incentive	600.00	
Total Employee Pay	80,403.79	-
Total Employee pay per hour	38.656	
Holiday Pay (paid out once a year)	3,710.94	
Benefits:		
Medicare - Employer Portion (1.45%)	1,219.66	
Medical Insurance - Employer Portion	28,897.60	
CalPERS Required Employer Contribution	18,700.00	
CalPERS Employer Normal Cost (27.11%)	21,797.47	
Workers' Compensation (15.8060%)	12,708.62	
Total Employee Benefits	83,323.35	-
Total Employee Pay and Benefits	167,438.09	-