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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

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.

Measure Z will maintain and improve essential services, such as:

- 911 emergency response, rural ambulance and fire protection;
- Ensuring 24-hour Sheriff's patrols;
- Providing children's mental health services and services to victims of child abuse;
- Emergency communications systems;
- Repairing deteriorating roads; and
- Other essential general services.

If you believe you provide public safety or essential services for Humboldt County, and would like to apply for *Measure Z* funding, an application for funding may be obtained on the County's website at www.humboldt.gov.org, or by contacting the Humboldt County Administrative Office, (707) 445-7266.

Applications for funding must be filed with the county administrative office BY 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023. Postmarks are not acceptable for meeting this deadline.

Justin Robbins
Committee Chair

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Committee Vice Chair



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: Arcata Police Department

Mailing Address: 736 F St. Arcata, CA 95521

Contact Person: Brian Ahearn

Title: Chief of Police

Telephone: (707) 822-2428

E-mail address: bahearn@arcatapd.org

1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2023-2024: \$248,364.31

2. ENTITY TYPE -- Please check appropriate box.

- a. Humboldt County Department
- b. Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- c. Local Government Entity City of Arcata
- d. Private Service Provider
- e. Non-Profit Service Provider
- f. Other, Describe: _____

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 Juvenile Diversion Program (JDP) improves public safety by providing criminal prevention and intervention services to the schools and families in the Arcata/McKinleyville area. The Juvenile Diversion Counselors (JDCs) provide Brief Intervention drug and alcohol counseling to students as well as Victim Assistance/Youth Accountability Counseling to those youth who have committed minor crimes within the community. JDCs also provide counseling and case management services to victims of child abuse and neglect.

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

The City of Arcata, in collaboration with the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, local elementary school districts and juvenile justice partners, seek the continuation and expansion of Measure Z funding for two Juvenile Diversion Counselor positions (JDC) to directly serve K-12 students and families in the 3rd Supervisorial District and the western portion of the 5th Supervisorial District (West of Berry Summit). Juvenile Diversion's plans to expand our impact by improving and increasing support for Juvenile Probation by offering Restorative Practices, Community Resilience, Parent Project trainings to staff. With Juvenile Detention centers in California being closed in 2023, it is imperative that our agencies create new strategies to best meet the needs of our at-risk population.

The JDCs have bases at both Arcata High School and McKinleyville High School. They will work collaboratively with the schools, APD, HCSO, and Probation to identify and serve at-risk students and families starting as early as grades one and two. The purpose is threefold:

- (1) Focus on crimes and other antisocial behaviors committed by juveniles in the north county and through that focus, deter additional behaviors.
- (2) Utilize the Juvenile Diversion Counselors to keep juveniles out of the Probation and Juvenile Justice system.
- (3) Work with the schools to support struggling families and students so their children remain in school (truancy prevention) and out of the Juvenile Justice system.

The project's goals are to:

- a. *Significantly reduce the amount of juvenile crime in the service area,*
- b. *Significantly reduce the number of high school students who drop out and/or go to continuation high schools over a five-year period.*

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?

We are attempting to gain funding through Humboldt County Probation to offer Juvenile Diversion services. We will also continue to explore grant funding through the US Dept. of Justice's SRO and School Safety grant programs. JDCs also regularly search and apply for additional grants that are relevant to the program. Juvenile Diversion was recently awarded a Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Title II grant to help fund the Parent Project and make these vital classes more available to our community.

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?

This request is for the continuation of a Measure Z funded program. Arcata Police Department is only requesting to continue the funding of the previously allocated JDC positions. It is eliminating prior years' requests to fund a School Resource Officer. The City of Arcata will provide funding for training, travel, and miscellaneous supplies for these positions. This request is solely for salary and benefits of the previously allocated positions.

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

The JDP serves as a pilot for the other local schools. The benefit of keeping students in schools, on track for graduation and out of the alternative education or the juvenile justice system is potentially enormous. Students who attend and graduate from the comprehensive high schools are far less likely to commit crimes and become involved with the juvenile justice system. This model will make the consortium more likely to receive funding through the US Dept. of Justice's SRO and School Safety grant programs.



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, the Arcata Police Department has been operating the program successfully and is not dependent on another entity.

9. 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:

The proposed application funds the recurring salaries and benefits of two full-time employees. The recurring personnel costs include two (2) Juvenile Diversion Counselors.



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: 02/15/23

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



Prior Year Results

We find the Diversion program is a valuable and often utilized resource for schools and law enforcement. Interagency collaboration is vital in aiding our at-risk population and Diversion is a valuable tool to get our younger population resources including, but not limited to, mental health services.

Law enforcement referred 37% of cases (e.g., APD, HCSO, EPD, UPD and Humboldt County Juvenile Probation) and 63% percent come from the School Attendance Review Board, Dean of Students, or School Administrators. Diversion tracked additional demographics and found that 56% of our referral clients were White, 22% Native, 8% Hispanic, 5% Black, 3% Pacific Islander, 2% Asian and 4% unknown. During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Diversion proudly provided services and support to 59 juveniles (26 females, 33 males). Juvenile Diversion managed 37 referrals from schools to address truancy, 9 for young adult internships or employment coaching, 8 to address in home conflict or need for mental health services, 2 vandalism, 1 marijuana and 1 runaway. Qualitatively and quantitatively, we find that we provide referring agencies respite. Schools make Diversion referrals when traditional school discipline is ineffective and school resources have been exhausted. In cases where law enforcement intervention is ineffective and formal probation is inappropriate, Diversion referrals are made. Law enforcement sometimes receives repeated calls for service for youth engaging in repeated low-level infractions or misdemeanor offenses in the home or community which demand valuable law enforcement time and resources. Juvenile Diversion serves referring agencies as a direct connection to youth providers that are more appropriate.

Behavioral issues such as running away, fighting, truancy and substance use often stem from underlying issues such as family conflict, mental health, or substance use. Diversion's use of the PACT assessment tool and individualized case management has been instrumental in identifying and addressing risk factors. The most significant being that 18% of our clientele were in need of mental health or Substance Use Disorder counseling. Through Diversion referrals these youths gained access and entry into the Humboldt County Children and Family Mental Health Services and/or Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program. In many cases families and young people who had difficulty in the past receiving counseling or treatment are now receiving a higher level of mental health care.

Several agencies including the Department of Mental health, Humboldt County Adolescent Treatment Program, Teen Court, Humboldt Bay Fire, Family Resource Centers, Law Enforcement, Humboldt County Office of Education, The Boys and Girls Club, Two Feathers, local businesses and others have been central in the success of the APD Diversion Program. The Diversion Program provides specialized services to students and families to address factors contributing to criminal behavior and academic barriers. During the program development, one of our primary objectives was to build working relationships with existing support and resources in the community. Research shows that a comprehensive approach is most effective when attending the needs of at-risk youth and families. Collaborations with partnering agencies have enabled APD Diversion counselors to give resources to families struggling with housing, food, substance use disorder, mental health and developmental disabilities, as well as provide youth with community service opportunities, mentors, peer education, and parent support classes. Maintaining relationships with our community allies will continue to be a focus in Diversion's efforts to promote the success of our at-risk youth population.

We have had amazing success with our current model and our hope is that our program will continue to evolve and meet the needs of our community. When the grant application for Juvenile Diversion was written, it was proposed that our "measure for success" be set as a decreased number of youth in Juvenile Hall and a decrease in dropout rate for the class of 2021. We identified the following tangible measures of success to evaluate the program on an on-going basis: completion of counseling, absence of a second offense, and increase in school attendance. There is a lot our community can learn from this program and population.

The Juvenile Diversion Program is increasing participation of at-risk youth involvement in community building and service activities. Youth who are cited are given community service hours. Community service hours are often satisfied by participating in tutoring, cleaning graffiti, volunteering at Teen Court, participating in volunteer work days with Boys and Girls Club, Friends of the Dunes, the City of Arcata and others. Engaging in community service provides teens the opportunity to contribute to their community, build skills, confidence, and can have lasting positive impacts on youth and the community.

Exhibit E

PROPOSED BUDGET

Agency Name: Arcata Police Department
Coordinator/Contact: LEAH BRAZIL
Address: 736 F St Arcata, CA 95521
Phone: 707-825-2568

Descriptions	Costs	Requested Budget	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs			
Title: Juvenile Diversion Counselor			
Salary and Benefits	118,590.34		-118590.34
Duties Description:			
Title: Juvenile Diversion Counselor			
Salary and Benefits	129,773.97		-129773.97
Duties Description:			
Title:			0
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			0
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Total Personnel:	248,364.31	0.00	(248,364.31)
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Operating Costs:	0	0	0
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Consumable/Supplies:	0	0	0
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0	0	0
E. Fixed Assets			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Other Costs:	0	0	0
Budget Total:	248,364.31		

EXHIBIT F

Exhibit F - Measure Z - Proposed Invoice

Agency Name: ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Coordinator/Contact: LEAH BRAZIL
Address: 736 F ST ARCATA, CA 95521
Phone: 707-825-2568

Invoice Date: 2/10/2023

Invoice # MZ- 23/24

Invoice Period: 07/01/2023-06/30/2024

Description	Cost	Total Amount Due
Personnel Costs (Wages and Benefits)	\$248,364.31	
Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)	\$0.00	
Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)	\$0.00	
Transportation/Travel (Local and out of county should be separate)	\$0.00	
Other (Indirect Costs, Contracts, etc.)	\$0.00	
		\$248,364.31

I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate; the expenditures are in accordance with the approved Agreement cited for services provided under the provision of that agreement. Full justification and backup records for the expenditures are maintained in our office at the address indicated.

Signature: *Leah Brazil* Date: 2/10/2023
 Print Name: Leah Brazil Title: Police Business Manager
 Approved by County Administrative Office: _____ Date: _____

Humboldt County Administrative Office
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