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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:

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Assoc.

Contact Person/Title:

Dale Unea

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Eureka

Zip code

95502

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1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22: \$ 2,000,000.00

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)

The HCFCA is seeking funding 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 efficiently represents all fire agencies. 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 as approved by our county voters.

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

HCFCA is requesting Measure Z funding that would be applied to ensure that there will not be a reduction or degradation in current fire service responses. First, funding to equip firefighters to bring them up to a nationally recognized minimum level of safety equipment. Of 38 individual Humboldt County fire departments, 36 are made up entirely of volunteers. Members of these agencies struggle to provide safe and adequate response services to their communities due to extremely limited revenue sources. There are unmet and ongoing needs, such as replacing PPE, which have not been met previously due to prioritizing more significant needs that had to be addressed. Second, request to continue funding for dispatch fees incurred by all volunteer fire departments and Arcata Fire, which are currently performed by Cal Fire under a contract agreement. These communication/dispatch services are a key component for the successful response to emergencies within the county. Without a reliable communications system, first responders would not receive timely notification of emergencies. Funds are needed to directly maintain these services. Third, request continued funding of out-of-jurisdiction responses through MZ funding. This covers the area of 299/Redwood Creek/Mad River where one or two departments are covering the areas of neighboring jurisdictions when those jurisdictions cannot respond and were there are also important areas that are not within the boundaries of any fire district.

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)

HCFCFA is working to establish long-term sustainability by securing funding through fire district and CSA formation and expansion and through the identification of other strategies to sustain these 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 districts and/or annexing goodwill service areas, lays the groundwork for independence and financial sustainability. Fire districts are official government agencies that are eligible for grants 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.

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)

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs request for Measure Z funding that are a continuation of an existing program includes 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. By the HCFCFA asking for a set amount it makes it easier for us to leverage more for less.

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)

Funds obtained from Measure Z would be used for the establishment of fire districts that are officially recognized local governmental entities. The County has in the past years 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 outlined in this proposal. Leveraging the two funding sources will ensure significant progress towards achieving the desired goals. Also, hundreds of hours of

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, this will streamline the process for the Association. We are able to purchase what we can with the funds available. In years past we have surveyed our members and then prioritized the needs, then go out to get quotes and prepare the application and budget for submission. This way we are able to leverage more for fewer funds. This year we were able to outfit several departments new and the same rescue tools (aka jaws of life). This past year Humboldt Bay had an extrication of a driver on the freeway south of Eureka and their pump went out. Loleta Fire was able to get on the scene and plug their pump right in and the rescue was completed.

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

No Yes

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

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

HCFCA 21-22 Measure Z Budget

Planning	\$91,000
Out of District Response (299 & Maple Creek)	\$268,554
County Dispatching Fees (including Arcata)	\$87,000
PPE- Structural, 109 sets	\$265,000
PPE- Wildland, 93 sets	\$132,000
Hose	\$85,000
Appliances (nozzles, y's ,t's)	\$95,000
Radios	\$82,000
AED	\$62,500
Compressors	\$80,000
Rescue Tools (Sets, Combi-tool, and struts)(leftover amount)	\$200,000
Thermal Imaging Cameras	\$65,000
Building Projects (Bridgeville, Shelter Cove)	\$170,000
HBF Radios (for mutual aid)	\$60,000
Generators	\$180,000
Hand Tools	\$32,000
Medical supplies (Covid 19)	\$120,000
Class B foam disposal (hazmat 2400gal)	\$50,000
Replacement Foam	\$102,000
SCBA Bottles	\$52,000
SCBA face mask	\$8,000
So.Trinity VFD (workmans' comp insurance)	\$17,000
PPE extractor	\$76,000
Apparatus	\$200,000
Overage (county not carryover)	\$100,000

Total: \$2,680,054.00