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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45151

Date Submitted: 2/24/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mailing Address*

736 F St

City*

Arcata

Zip*

95521

Contact Person*

CHRIS ORTEGA

Title*

CHIEF OF POLICE

Phone Number*

7078222428

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CORTEGA@ARCATAPD.ORG

Project Title*

JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

198941

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

Agencies are encourage to submit one project per application. If your agency is submitting more than one application, please rank this application in terms of your agency's priority here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

92191

Salaries %*

46.35

Benefits**Benefits Amount***

80801

Benefits %*

40.65

Overhead and Occupancy(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)**Overhead/Occupancy Amount***

13913

Overhead/Occupancy %*

6.95

Equipment/Supplies/Services**Equip./Services/Supplies Amount***

12036

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

6.05

Transportation/Travel**Transportation/Travel Amount***

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets**Fixed Assets Amount***

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL**Total Amount of Application***

198941

TOTAL 100%**2. ENTITY TYPE***

- ☐ Humboldt County Department
- ☐ Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- ☒ Local Government Entity
- ☐ Private Service Provider
- ☐ Non-Profit Service Provider
- ☐ Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

Yes

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

1. a report detailing results from the most recent year the project was funded, and:
2. a completed Staffing Report detailing when the funded positions were filled during the most recent year you received funding for this project.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

4. 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, seeks the reinstatement of Measure Z funding for one Juvenile Diversion Counselor (JDC) to serve K–12 students and families in the 3rd Supervisorial District and the western portion of the 5th Supervisorial District (west of Berry Summit).

This position will expand the reach and effectiveness of the Juvenile Diversion Program by increasing support for Juvenile Probation through the delivery of restorative practices, community resilience initiatives, and Parent Project training for partner agency staff. With juvenile detention centers across California closing in 2023, it is critical that local agencies implement proactive, community-based strategies to effectively meet the needs of at-risk youth and families.

Juvenile Diversion Counselor is based at Arcata High School and works collaboratively with school personnel, the Arcata Police Department (APD), the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), and Probation. The JDC identifies and serves at-risk students and families as early as first and second grade, providing early intervention before behaviors escalate.

The purpose of the Juvenile Diversion Counselor position is threefold:

1. To reduce juvenile crime and other antisocial behaviors in the North County through early identification, intervention, and prevention.
2. To divert youth away from formal probation involvement and the juvenile justice system whenever appropriate.
3. To partner with schools to support struggling students and families, promote school attendance, prevent truancy, and keep youth engaged in their education and out of the juvenile justice system.

5. 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?*

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.
- c. Diverting youths from the criminal justice system by addressing behavior early and connecting families with resources, this model supports safer outcomes for youth, relieves juvenile probation and our local juvenile detention center from additional caseload and provides for long-term community safety.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

This project will serve K-12 students and families in the 3rd Supervisorial District and the western portion of the 5th Supervisorial District.

7. 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? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The City is currently able to fund one of the two positions, through use of Measure H revenue, which was approved by the city voters in November of 2024. In prior years, two JDC positions were funded from Measure Z and services were extended beyond the City of Arcata boundaries into the unincorporated county. At this time, City funding is only available for one of the two positions. The City is seeking funding through Humboldt Diversion Services and the US Dept. of Justice's SRO and School Safety grant programs. 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. The City continues to seek any available funding to continue the important program and potentially reinstate the second position.

8. 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 to reinstate funding for JDC, the reduced program is currently funded by the City of Arcata.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

Yes

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

Salary, benefits, administrative costs, supplies and materials.
Please note, the Citizens' Advisory Committee in May, 2023, adopted a stance that it would not recommend funding for new, ongoing county positions.

12. If awarded less than the full amount requested, could the proposed project still be implemented? If yes, please identify the minimum funding amount required for the project to remain feasible and describe any changes to scope or outcomes.*

The City is currently funding one JDC position.

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

[Download the budget narrative](#), then upload using the button at right.

Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

Choose File

 No file chosen

Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget 26-27 APD.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

Upload Staffing Report Attachment

No file chosen

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

Upload Letters of Support

No file chosen

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*

2/24/2026
04:30 PM

Signature*

Leah Brazil

Type Approving Official's Name

Measure Z Agenda Notifications

[Sign up on our website](#) to be notified when Measure Z agendas are posted. The applications are discussed in open session and it is often valuable for applicants to attend in person or virtually to address the committee.

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name:	Arcata Police Department	Address:	736 F St Arcata, CA 95521
Coordinator/Contact:	Leah Brazil	Phone:	707-822-2428

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: Juvenile Diversion Counselor				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	92,191.00			92,191.00
Benefits	80,801.00			80,801.00
Duties Description:				

Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

Salaries Subtotal	92,191.00	0.00	0.00	92,191.00
Benefits Subtotal	80,801.00	0.00	0.00	80,801.00
Total Personnel:	172,992.00	0.00	0.00	172,992.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Administrative				
Description: Computer/IT, Phones, Utilities	13,913.00			
Title:				
Description:				

Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	13,913.00	0	0	13913
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C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment				
Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Title: Supplies				
Description: Food/Supplies/Incentives for hosting Parent Projectand Loving Solutions Classes.	12,036.00			
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	<i>12,036.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12036</i>

Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
Description: (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)

Title: Local Travel				
Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel				
Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your projec				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title:				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0

Totals	198,941.00	0.00	0.00	198,941.00
Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance	