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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:

Arcata Police Department

Contact Person/Title:

Brian Ahearn, Chief of Police

Mailing Address:

736 F St

Phone Number:

(707) 822-2428

City:

Arcata

Zip code

95521

Email address:

bahearn@arcatapd.org

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22: \$ 290,763

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 Juvenile Diversion Program improves public safety by providing criminal prevention and intervention services to the schools and families in the Arcata/ McKinleyville area. The School Resource Officer (SRO) is able to investigate critical incidents and violent crimes, such as rape and domestic violence , as it pertains to any students in the area. The Juvenile Diversion Counselors (JDCs) provide Brief Intervention and drug and alcohol counseling to students and may provide referrals to additional drug and behavior counseling services as needed. JDCs also provide counseling and case management services to victims of child abuse and neglect.

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

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 one School Resource Officer (SRO) and 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).

The SRO and JDC's will have bases at Arcata High School and McKinleyville High School. They will work collaboratively with the schools, CSO, 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 (supported by the SRO) 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 dropout and/or go to continuation high schools over a five year period.

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)

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 . Lastly, the ultimate goal is to have the schools pay a portion of the cost through revenues from increased daily attendance: for instance, a 1% overall increase in the districts attendance will cover over 20% of the cost of positions. Successfully intervening with students will result in better attendance in middle and high school.

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)

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 positions.

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.

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 combination of an SRO and JDC will serve 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 graduate from the comprehensive high schools are far less likely to commit crimes and become involved with the juvenile justice system. Students in the comprehensive high schools also are at school all day and thus not out in the community

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, 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 costs?

No Yes

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

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

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:

02/12/2021

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

Prior Year Results

As families and our community adjust to social distancing and distance learning, issues such as homework, running away, truancy, and in-home conflict continue. Diversion saw a decrease of formal referrals due to shelter-in-place and Covid-19 restrictions. Despite these barriers, 49 individual youth and families received direct Diversion services last year. Though we saw a decrease in formal referrals, our Diversion Department saw an increase in requests for informal support from community providers, schools, and parents. Juvenile Diversion saw an increase in requests for our parenting classes from mental health providers, family law, and drug court. In response, Diversion hosted two Parent Project and two Loving Solutions classes in our last fiscal year. Hosting our parenting curriculum via zoom allowed our Diversion Department to provide the curriculum to parents who otherwise would not have access to it. Families from all five of Humboldt County's Supervisorial Districts attended these classes. During the 2nd quarter alone, Juvenile Diversion had 15 parents complete our Parent Project course and seven families complete our Loving Solutions course, representing 43 youth in our community. The curriculum assists parents in identifying prevention and intervention strategies for their children, empowering the parents to implement loving support, structure, and instill community and family values to their children and teens.

Since inception, 159 juvenile cases were law enforcement referrals which otherwise would have entered the Juvenile Justice System. One hundred and fifty were school/truancy infractions, and eight were community referrals, which otherwise would have escalated into truancy court cases, school dropout, or continued home conflict or crisis.

At the request of school officials, Juvenile Diversion Counselors and the School Resource Officer (SRO) continued to conduct welfare checks on local families who had children who were not attending virtual school. Diversion Counselors continued to provide support to families participating in the program via telephone, Zoom, and in-person when conditions would allow. As stated previously, in the most recent quarter referrals came from school administrators concerned about truancy. Truancy accounted for 75% of our referrals in the second quarter. In-home conflict accounted for the remaining 25%. As schools, youth, and families are continuing to adjust to changes in their daily routines, our program continues to modify and evolve to meet the needs and provide the best support to our community. Our records show 92% of youth are successful in completing our program. Success is measured by completion of counseling, increased school attendance, and absence of further offenses. Only eight percent of youth who have entered the program failed to fulfill their Diversion Agreement or did not qualify for Diversion services due to the gravity of their offenses. Failure to complete is measured by not completing community service, continuing to violate the law, no improvement in school attendance, and failure to show up to several Diversion meetings.

Juvenile Diversion, Humboldt County Transitional Age Youth Services and Sunrise Rotary of Arcata have worked together and were recently awarded a grant that will fund seven paid internships to homeless and foster youth. The grant supports youth who face additional barriers to employment and helps strengthen at-risk youth and community relations.

Through the past year, the Diversion program has worked with agencies such as, the Department of Mental Health, Humboldt County Adolescent Treatment Program, Teen Court, Humboldt Bay Fire, Family Resource Centers, Humboldt County Office of Education, Girls and Boys Club, and Two Feathers to provide specialized services to students and families to address factors contributing to criminal behavior and academic barriers. 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 continue to give resources to families struggling with housing, food, substance use disorder, mental health, developmental disabilities, as well as providing community service opportunities, mentors, peer education, and parent support classes in the prior year.

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. Our most recent record show 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 Humboldt County's Children and Family Mental Health Services and/or Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program.

ATTACHMENT II - EXHIBIT F

Measure Z - Invoice

**Arcata Police Department
Eileen Verbeck, Police Business Manager
736 F Street, Arcata Ca 95521
707-825-2505**

Invoice Date: _____

Invoice # MZ- _____
Invoice Period: 07/01/2021-06/30/2022

Description	Cost	Total Amount Due
Personnel Costs (Wages and Benefits)	\$290,763.00	
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	
		\$290,763.00

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 and date: *[Signature]* 02/12/21
Print Name and Title: *RONALD J. AHEARN, CHIEF OF POLICE*

Send invoice to:

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Room 112
Eureka Ca 95501



Date

Date

(707) 445-7266

**Attachment II - Exhibit E
Budget
Arcata Police Department**

Invoice Date: _____

Invoice # MZ- _____

Invoice Period: 07/01/2021-06/30/2022

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs			
Title: School Resource Officer Salary and Benefits Calculation: \$114,007.00 Duties Description:			114,007.00
Title: Juvenile Diversion Counselor Salary and Benefits Calculation: 88,378.00 Duties Description:			\$88,378.00
Title: Juvenile Diversion Counselor Salary and Benefits Calculation: \$88,378.00 Duties Description:			\$88,378.00
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation: Duties Description:			0
Total Personnel:		290,763.00	0.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Operating Costs:		\$0	0
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
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Description:			
Title:			

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Arcata Police Department**

Invoice Date: _____

Invoice # MZ- _____

Invoice Period: 07/01/2021-06/30/2022

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget	Remaining Balance
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 Assots			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Other Costs:	0	0	0
Invoice Total:	290,763.00		