



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

I-2

For the meeting of: March 7, 2017

Date: February 10, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Amy S. Nilsen, County Administrative Officer *AN*
Subject: Measure Z Funding Allocations to the City of Arcata and the City of Trinidad

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a report regarding the City of Arcata's request to utilize allocated but unexpended Measure Z funding for an alternate purpose;
2. Approve the revised use of unexpended Measure Z funding totaling \$35,000 for the City of Arcata Police Department to be used for the purchase of a vehicle for diversion counselors to travel between northern Humboldt schools; and
3. Approve the revised use of the Measure Z allocation totaling \$75,317 for the City of Trinidad to pay an equivalent portion of the current contract between the City of Trinidad and the Sheriff's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund – Measure Z

Prepared by Elishia Hayes

CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☐ Consent
☒ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-10, I-2

Meeting of: 6/28/16, 2/7/17

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor _____ Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes _____
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

SEE ACTION SUMMARY

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

On Feb. 7, 2017 during the Mid-year Budget Review, staff recommended that your Board approve the revised use of unexpended Measure Z funds totaling \$35,000 that was allocated to the City of Arcata Police Department for the purchase of a vehicle for the purpose of transporting diversion counselors between northern Humboldt schools. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to return with additional details on the intended use of the Measure Z funding. The City of Arcata has provided additional information, as requested by your Board.

The intended vehicle for acquisition is a 2017 Ford Fusion Hybrid Sedan. The reason for the request to acquire a vehicle is that the City of Arcata has a limited number of cars available for city departments; and, reserving a vehicle currently in the fleet to be used by two diversion counselors working at different school sites is impractical and places constraints upon the needs of other departments. Therefore, a dedicated vehicle will allow the diversion counselors the ability to travel to and from assigned schools without impacting the limited resources. In addition, the city is unable to require the use of a personal vehicle for this purpose. The City of Arcata plans to take on all maintenance responsibility for the vehicle and estimates that the vehicle will be used on normal working days for site visits at various schools in northern Humboldt and for meetings in Eureka. The anticipated daily mileage is estimated to range from 20 to 40 miles a day.

In addition, \$77,317 of Measure Z funds were allocated to the City of Trinidad for a half-time deputy through the budget adoption process. Deputy services are provided to the city through the Sheriff's Office. Due to vacancies in the Sheriff's Office, the length of time for recruitment and training of new deputies, and the difficulty with passing a background investigation, the Sheriff has been unable to proceed with the execution of a contract with the City of Trinidad.

The City of Trinidad has submitted a formal proposal (Attachment I) expressing the desire to utilize funding in a timely manner that is consistent with the intent of the original Measure Z allocation. The proposal is to utilize the allocated funding to pay for a portion of the city's current and upcoming contract with the Sheriff's Office. Utilizing Measure Z will improve public safety in the City of Trinidad and the surrounding unincorporated community.

Therefore, staff recommends that your Board:

- Approve the revised use of unexpended Measure Z funding totaling \$35,000 for the Arcata Police Department for the acquisition of a vehicle for diversion counselors to travel between the schools; and
- Approve the revised use of the Measure Z allocation, totaling \$75,317, for the City of Trinidad to pay an equivalent portion of the current contract between the City of Trinidad and the Sheriff's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total allocation of Measure Z funds related to the proposed revisions totals \$110,317. Approval of the revised use of the cities Measure Z allocations will have no effect on current allocations. Should your Board deny one or both of the revised proposals, said funding will become available for allocation to an alternate project or could be rolled into Fiscal Year 2017-18 for recommended distribution by the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

This agenda item supports the Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved health and safety and protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to provide direction at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Trinidad Measure Z Proposal

ATTACHMENT:

City of Trinidad Measure Z Proposal



February 15, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, Ca 95501

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The City of Trinidad was awarded Measure Z funding in 2016 to support an additional ½ time Deputy Sheriff. Unfortunately, staffing shortages have not allowed the HCSO to fill that position in this fiscal year.

In order to put these funds to use in a timely manner, consistent with the intent of the original allocation, the City would like to propose the following alternative use of the 2016 Measure Z Funds allocated to the City of Trinidad:

Utilize the allocated \$75,317 in Measure Z Funding to pay for a portion of the City's current and upcoming public safety contract with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The funds will support additional deputy shifts in Trinidad to cover days and times that the supplemental deputy would have been available. Under this proposal, the Measure Z funds will directly support deputy time in Trinidad, consistent with our original proposal and with the intent of Measure Z.

The City of Trinidad has the support of the Sheriff's Office for this approach. We are looking forward to putting these funds to use to improve public safety in the City of Trinidad and the surrounding unincorporated community.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 707-498-4937 or citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel Berman
City Manager