



Board of Supervisors

825 5th Street

Eureka, Ca. 95501

July 13, 2018

Dear Board of Supervisors,

2-1-1 Humboldt is requesting an extension and transfer of grantee on our Measure Z grant and transfer of grantee to 2-1-1 on our DHHS grant. As of July 1st 2-1-1 is now its own 501 © 3 and no longer under Humboldt Community Access and Resource Center (HCAR) as our fiscal agent. We felt this was the right move for 2-1-1 in order for us to go after Federal Grants such as our HUD grant for which we do Coordinated Entry for our Continuum of Care and The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program) which is the free tax program we do each year. HCAR was not willing to do the more extensive work these grants required, but are a vital part of what 2-1-1 does. We have filed for the Vita grant, this is our first time to do this grant on our own and HUD has just opened up the portal for applying for the new CoC grant. We lost \$31,000 in grants this year, \$10,000 from the Care for the Poor and 20,100 from the HNFRC's. Because of these unexpected losses we had to let one of our two call center specialist go, which leaves Alex to answer the 700 to 1400 calls we get each month and I jump in whenever I can. This funding is vital for the work we do and we were not made aware by HCAR that the Measure Z contract they signed was only for 6 months, we assumed it was for a year and financially planned for it. We already have such limited funds and we counted on the balance of the Measure Z funding to help cover our expenses. With the Measure Z funding 2-1-1 and Dorie Lani over the OES has reached out to the VOAD board and asked them to meet on Aug. 8th to see if we can come up with a plan to pull in different entities from around the county so we can put together a more regional approach to VOAD and their resources. We have also been working with Cal Fire and Yolo and the Napa area during these fires to make sure that all current resources are updated in their databases as they become available to us. We are assuring that the information being given to the community is the most current about, shelter, food, lost animals, road closures and so much more. This is the same kind of assistance we would get here locally from other 2-1-1s when we are the ones needing help in handling the massive amounts of calls that WILL come from the community after any major event. 2-1-1 truly need your help to continue our work. Would you please extend our Measure Z funding balance for the additional 6 months and approve transfer of both grants over to 2-1-1.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Hurst, Ex. Director 2-1-1 Humboldt