

(Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as to expenditure of funds derived from *Measure Z*.)

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name: *Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Dept.*
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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY *2019-20 \$ 50,000*

2. ENTITY TYPE -- Please check appropriate box.

- a. Humboldt County Department ☐
- b. Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County ☐
- c. Local Government Entity ☐
- d. Private Service Provider ☐
- e. Non-Profit Service Provider ☒
- f. Other ☐

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3. Please provide brief description of proposal for which you are seeking funding.

Please see attached answers to all remaining questions.

4. *Measure Z* funding is scheduled to "sunset" in 2020. How are you developing a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, in order for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future *Measure Z* funds?

Needs budget?

5. 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?

6. If you are awarded *Measure Z* funds, how will you use them to leverage additional grants, contributions, or community support?

7. Will this proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, please describe.

8. Are there recurring expenses associated to this application, such as personnel costs? Please check yes or no and if so, please detail those expenses. ☐ Yes ☐ No

ATTACHMENTS—Please include the following with your application


Proposal Narrative: Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or for public safety. (one page maximum)

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

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: 2/25/2019

SIGNATURE: 
Alex Hulbert, Board Member
PVVFD

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on *Measure Z* Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Room 112
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Application for Funding

1. \$50,000 or any amount the Measure Z Advisory Committee recommends be given in assistance of our goal of obtaining a newer quick attack truck.

2. Non-profit service provider.

3. The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department's continuing mission is to provide fire protection and medical first responders to our rural community in Northern California. We are currently seeking funds to update our quick attack truck (this is our primary response vehicle, this vehicle is the first vehicle to go to every medical and fire call) from a 1978 Dodge Pumper Type 6 to a newer, more capable model. The truck must be 4x4, have a water reservoir from 250 to 350 gallons, a motor 350 or larger, and will be purchased at an approximate cost of \$60,000 dollars.

If we receive funding to purchase a newer, more capable quick attack truck it would improve our response time, increase reliability, and provide safer travel for our personnel, thus, exponentially increasing safety for our personnel and the entire community we service. Furthermore, we service a particularly vulnerable community located in a rural wildland interface. By helping our department upgrade our primary response vehicle you would increase safety for all of the communities that surround us.

4. This is a one time expenditure. We are prepared to maintain the quick attack truck once we have enough funding to purchase it.

5. N/A

6. We plan to ask Humboldt Area Foundation for a matching grant. We originally reached out to Humboldt Area Foundation in 2014 when the need for a new truck was first brought to our attention. At the time, they seemed hopeful in being able to provide a small amount of support but were not able to fund our whole project. With the new Quick Attack fund started we are now in the process of redrafting our grant proposal and hope to submit that in the 2019 calendar year for any funds that we don't receive from Measure Z.

We have already raised over \$10,000 through a community funding effort that has been going on for about a year now. We will continue to collect funds through our monthly community barbecues and are slowly increasing the amount in our Quick Attack fund.

7. No

8. No

Proposal Narrative

The increase in serious wildfire events in other regions of California has brought to our Fire Departments attention our urgent need to upgrade to a more capable and reliable truck. It is wildland rural interfaces, like our community, that pose the highest risk of starting serious fire events. It is important for both our community and the greater community of Humboldt that the Palo Verde community maintain fire safety and stop fires when they are small.

Our 1978 Dodge Pumper is obsolete because it is difficult to operate at best and unsafe at times. Not all of our personnel can drive the Dodge Pumper because the clutch is difficult to operate, and the transmission has a big gap in its gearing so it is difficult to get up to speed in order to shift. The water pump on the Dodge Pumper is very difficult to operate. Even after trainings only a few of our personnel are able to operate the pump because it requires a long priming and starting process. The Dodge Pumper's brakes overheat when you are driving down steep hills with a full load of water. The area we service is very mountainous making the obsolete brakes a safety issue.

We service a very rural community about twenty miles from the nearest fire district. Our current quick attack truck is not quick at all due to its age and lack of power when the water reservoir is full. An upgrade to this quick attack truck would improve response time making the entire community of over 2,000 that we service considerably more safe. The Dodge Pumper truck has unreliable gages, some gages are inaccurate and some just don't work at all. This in turn increases maintenance time as well as response time. Before leaving on a call the water levels have to be manually checked. The gasoline and other fluid levels must be monitored regularly as the gages are inaccurate. The new truck would have upgraded brakes, which would boost personnel safety by an incalculable amount.

We are a small, rural, 100% Volunteer Fire Department that provides both medical and fire response to a very large rural community since 1983. In recent months our quick attack truck has become even more difficult to operate. Our 911 response times have been seriously affected by our lack of a reliable modern quick attack truck. Our truck has very old brakes that just are not adequate for our mountainous response area. We are forced to under fill the water tank on the truck to safely get to some locations within our response area. We are not only the firefighters and first responders, we also help guide in other emergency services when they are needed in our area.

If we receive funding to purchase a newer, more-capable quick attack truck it would improve our response time, increase reliability, provide safer travel for our personnel, and help maintain rural fire protection; thus, exponentially increasing safety for our personnel and the community we service. Furthermore, we service a particularly vulnerable community located in a rural wildland interface, by helping our department upgrade our primary response vehicle, you would increase safety for all of the communities that surround us.

This application for funding and attachments were prepared by Jasmine Finley and Sally Peterson, part of our Quick Attack Fundraising Coordinating Team. We thank you for taking the time to consider our

proposal. If you would like more information about any part of our proposal or our department please feel free to reach out to us.

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Budget

We are asking for \$50,000 in measure Z funds to reach our goal. A total of \$ 60,000.00 for a one time expenditure on an upgrade to our current quick attack truck is what is needed. We have already raised just over \$ 10,000. Meeting this fundraising goal gets us a used truck, newer than ours, which would greatly improve the safety of our community and all those around us.