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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON *MEASURE Z* EXPENDITURES

(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: Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services – Social Services Branch

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2019-20: \$4,300.00

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.

Currently children in Foster Care receive an annual clothing allowance of between \$108 and \$331, depending on age of the child. However, some children who cannot live with their parent(s) are placed by Child Welfare Services social workers with safe extended family members. Because some family members cannot receive Federal Foster Care benefits, the State of California has implemented the Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) program to pay these caretaker relatives the same amount as a standard Foster Care grant.

What the state does *not* pay for children placed with ARC family members is a clothing allowance. A grant of \$4300 is requested to pay the same annual clothing allowance for these children in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as will be paid to children placed with non-relative foster parents.

4. 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?

We are currently researching local public and private funding sources such as the Humboldt Area Foundation and the Humboldt County Community Foundation, as well as potential funding from Measure S.

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?

The Approved Relative Caregiver Program (ARC) is funded by the State of California. The state receives no Federal funds for the program. The current monthly amount of Foster Care and ARC payments is \$960 per child. Measure Z funds are requested to expand ARC services to include the same clothing allowance that Foster Care children placed with non-relatives receive so that they are not disadvantaged in comparison. The state has indicated that they are unable to pay for clothes for ARC children but has granted counties the ability to fund it themselves.

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

If we receive Measure Z funds in FY 19/20, your support will legitimize our cause to help normalize the lives of children who, through no fault of their own, are unable to live and thrive in a conventional family setting. Providing funds to help the extended families who have taken them into their homes provide better clothing for them will help them blend in with their peers who may have the good fortune to have a safe and secure family life. This can help prevent bullying and social ostracism when the children are with their peers.

Having the history of past support from your committee will provide us with a program foundation and proof of past success to make us a more attractive grant prospect to other organizations.

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.

Managing a Measure Z grant and issuing the payments will not require any expanded activity on the part of the county. DHHS Fiscal and Eligibility staff will handle these tasks in the course of their regular activities. We will make a quarterly accounting to prove that the funds are being used as described in this application and comply with all funding requirements.

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: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

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

Proposal Narrative:

The Approved Caregiver Relative (ARC) Program was enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 855 effective January 1, 2015. The purpose of the ARC program is to allow counties to make payments to approved family members who open their homes to children removed from their parent(s) in an amount equal to the basic Foster Care rate paid to non-relative caregivers. At the time the legislation was enacted it was a county option to be paid for by only county funds with no support from Federal or State funds. On January 1, 2018 the ARC program became a mandatory statewide program paid for by the State of California. What the State does not pay for is an annual clothing allowance that children placed with non-relatives getting Foster Care payments receive each year.

There are currently 15 children in the ARC program. Their ages range from 7 months to 20 years old. \$4300 would provide clothing allowance payments equal to Foster Care's for each child and allow for clothing allowances to be paid for children who come into ARC later this coming fiscal year. These children are deprived of a benefit received by children placed with non-relatives.

Humboldt County Department of Social Services would like to provide an annual clothing allowance to the children placed with relatives so that they are eligible to the same benefits children in non-relative placements receive. While the State will not pay for those benefits, they do offer counties the option to pay for it themselves. We are applying for \$4300 with which to provide ARC kids with the same benefits as children in Foster Care and in doing so help previously traumatized children avoid further traumatization due to lack of appropriate clothing.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Program Budget

Foster Care clothing allowances are determined by the age of the child:

• Age 0 – 4:	\$108 per year	6 children in this age range	Total funds needed:	\$648
• Age 5 – 8:	\$214 per year	4 children in this age range	Total funds needed:	\$856
• Age 9 – 11:	\$268 per year	1 children in this age range	Total funds needed:	\$268
• Age 12 – 20:	\$331 per year	4 children in this age range	Total funds needed:	<u>\$1324</u>
• Total funds needed to provide a clothing allowance for current ARC children:			subtotal:	\$3096
• Additional funds requested for new cases that will be granted in FY 19/20:				<u>\$1150*</u>
			Total grant budget:	\$4246
			Total Grant Request:	\$4300

100% of the requested funds will be used to pay these clothing allowances; we are not requesting any supportive or administrative funding. Any funds not disbursed in FY 19/20 will be used to pay clothing allowances in FY 20/21.

*at any given time there are between 12 and 20 ARC cases open. Currently there are 15. In order to estimate the amount for estimated new cases that are opened in FY 19/20, an average has been taken of the four different age amounts ($108 \times 214 \times 268 \times 331 = 230.25$). We dropped the cents and multiplied 230 by 5, the difference between the number of cases we have now (15) and the most we usually have (20) = \$1150.