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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: Eureka City Schools

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2019-20: \$79,000 (for a full time SRO starting in January of 2020)

2. ENTITY TYPE -- Please check appropriate box.

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| a. Humboldt County Department | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Local Government Entity | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Private Service Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Non-Profit Service Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

Eureka City Schools, in partnership with South Bay Union Elementary, Cutten Elementary, Freshwater Elementary, and Garfield Elementary School Districts and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office are seeking funding for a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) to work with students in the greater Eureka area to assist in building positive law enforcement relationships, image and enhancing student safety.

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?

The success of the program will generate interest with our local school districts and the Sheriff's office to eventually create the commitment to fund the officer. This model is successful with the Eureka Police Department and Eureka City Schools where we split the funding for a Eureka Police Department Resource Officer. Unfortunately, the Eureka Police Department jurisdiction does not include many of our schools, so we are reliant upon the Sheriff's Office creating the need for a partnership.

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?

This would be an expansion over Eureka City School's current partnership with the Eureka Police Department where we each pay for half of a school resource officer. The source of this funding is the General Fund of the City of Eureka and Eureka City Schools.

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

As public school Districts, we are eligible for many grants that other agencies are not. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in identifying a grant for a SRO, but there are many grants available for safe school training. We will also be able to have this officer join a team of other SRO's in Humboldt County on a safe school taskforce. Safe schools resonates with our community and will build tremendous 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.

For the school districts, no. The Humboldt County's Sheriff's office would need to increase their staff by one officer. According to Sheriff Honsal, this staffing increase is possible by the end of the 2019 calendar year, thus this request is for an office starting in January of 2020.

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

The full cost for an officer, gear and a vehicle is \$158,000 per year. In the 2019-20 fiscal year, we are requesting \$79,000 to staff an officer for one half of the year.

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: 2/15/2019

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 goal of a partnership into a school resource officer (SRO) programs includes providing safe learning environments in our county's schools, providing valuable resources to school staff members, fostering positive relationships with youth, developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students, so that they can reach their fullest potentials. The National Association of School Resource Officers considers it a best practice to use a "triad concept" to define the three main roles of school resource officers: educator, informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer.

Humboldt County Schools have the highest population of students (by percentage) in California who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences. This in combination with the highest percentage of students with disabilities in Humboldt County creates a need to better serve our youth. An effective SRO will have a positive impact on the future of students and our community.

Researchers at Canada's Carleton University conducted a two-year study of an SRO program in the Regional Municipality of Peel. In their 2018 report, they concluded that for every dollar invested in a school resource officer program, a minimum of \$11.13 of social and economic value was created. The report lists numerous benefits of the program, including:

- Prevention or minimization of property damage in the school and surrounding areas.
- Prevention of student injuries and even death due to violence, drug overdoses, etc.
- Reduction of the need for schools to call 911.
- Reduction of the likelihood that a student will get a criminal record.
- Increase of the likelihood that students (particularly those with mental health issues) will get the help they need from the social service and health care systems.
- Increase in feelings of safety among students and staff.

This will be a positive investment in the future of Humboldt County.

Program Budget:

2019-20 Fiscal Year:

\$79,000 for the hiring, equipping and vehicle for one Sheriff School Resource Office to have a starting date of January 2020. Office supplies, computer and space to be provided by Eureka City Schools.