

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name: City of Trinidad

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2019-20: \$ 75,317

2. ENTITY TYPE --Please check appropriate box.

- Humboldt County Department ☐
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County ☐
- Local Government Entity **XX**
- Private Service Provider ☐
- Non-Profit Service Provider ☐
- Other ☐

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

The City of Trinidad is requesting funding to support a half-time law enforcement position. Trinidad contracts with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) for law enforcement services. The City can support one full time deputy sheriff, who works four days a week. We are using current Measure Z funding to support an additional half time deputy sheriff (split between Trinidad and Blue Lake) to cover another two days a week. This request would continue that arrangement, providing Trinidad coverage six days a week. Trinidad, and our deputy, serve as the hub for the greater Trinidad area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Having an assigned peace officer centered in Trinidad would benefit not just the City but the surrounding area as well, and would relieve demands on the McKinleyville Sheriff's station.

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?

Trinidad, like the County and other local Cities, will need to continue to make tough budgeting decisions about how to allocate our general fund revenue, and how much to spend on public safety. The City's voter approved sales tax was recently renewed, insuring that we can at least sustain our one locally funded deputy for the foreseeable future. Transient occupancy tax has been an increasing revenue source for the City, and the City can consider increasing our TOT rate, as some other local cities have done. We will continue to aggressively pursue outside grant funding, but those opportunities, including this *Measure Z* funding, will always be of limited duration.

The City is in discussions with the Trinidad Rancheria about the potential to share some public safety costs in the future, and that could help sustain an additional deputy beyond the *Measure Z* funding.

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?

Trinidad currently relies on local general fund revenue, and the state COPS program to support one full time deputy. These revenue sources are basically stable. We receive a fixed minimum COPS allocation, with no CPI adjustment, so that source is slowly falling in real dollar terms. Our GF revenue is composed primarily of a property and sales tax, transient occupancy tax, and a voter approved add onto our city sales tax. GF revenue is variable, but has been increasing slightly faster than inflation in recent years, helped by the recovery of property values and increasing tourism.

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

The City will continue to pursue grant funding for public safety from all available sources. Community organizations including the Lions Club and Trinidad Memorial Civic Club have consistently supported our public safety efforts with both donations and volunteerism. The Trinidad Rancheria is interested in increasing their law enforcement efforts, possibly in partnership with the City. Having two deputies would also facilitate a stronger connection to Trinidad Elementary School, across the street from our deputy's office in Trinidad.

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.

No. This proposal does rely on the HCSO to provide a trained officer, and it has been limited in the past by the HCSO's ability to staff the position.

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

This proposal would fund half of a deputy sheriff position at the loaded rate charged by HCSO to contracting agencies.

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:

2/24/2019

(re submitted 3-13-2019)

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City Manager

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

City of Trinidad
Project Narrative
Measure Z 2019 Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad is requesting Measure Z funding to support one (1) half- time deputy sheriff position as part of our contract for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The City-HCSO contract currently supports one full time deputy, with a four day a week schedule, and a half time deputy funded by Measure Z and split between Trinidad and Blue Lake (two days/wk in each City) .

The City is pleased with our deputies and with our partnership with HCSO. However we are struggling, like the rest of the County, with challenges related to recent statewide Public Safety Re-Alignment, where repeat offenders for a range of property crimes appear to be back on the street almost immediately upon arrest. Our problems with limited coverage are magnified when our deputies have required training, or medical or other leave, and we are left with very little dedicated coverage for one to two weeks at a time.

Trinidad's contract deputies, by agreement between the City and HCSO, serve the 'Greater Trinidad Area' from Westhaven to Patrick's Point, which is otherwise covered from the McKinleyville Sheriff's Station. Having an additional deputy headquartered in Trinidad will significantly benefit public safety in the surrounding unincorporated areas. Having dedicated deputies for our area makes an enormous difference in their knowledge of the people, the problems, and their ability to work on more complex long term investigations, as opposed to steadily varying shift coverage from McKinleyville. When no Trinidad Deputy is on duty, calls from our area require response from McKinleyville , which increases critical response time, and leaves McKinleyville short-staffed.

The City has discussed this proposal with HCSO representatives, and we believe that this request would benefit the greater Trinidad area community and HCSO as well as the City itself. The requested funding would be passed through entirely to HCSO for the deputy position. The City will continue to provide, at our own cost, the necessary office space, computer, and other costs associated with supporting this deputy, as we do in our current contract. The City would of course work cooperatively with HCSO to make this proposal successful and feasible from their perspective.

Funding for additional front line law enforcement officers is exactly what the voters were envisioning in supporting Measure Z and this proposal would do exactly that, to the benefit of a significant area of the County.

On behalf of the City of Trinidad, thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

City of Trinidad
Prior Year Results
2019 Measure Z Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad requested funds in 2016, 2017, and 2018 for one (1) full time deputy sheriff position as part of our contract for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). We were awarded half of our request each year, with the intent of sharing a full time deputy between Trinidad and Blue Lake. Due to staffing shortages, the Sheriff's Office was not able to spare a deputy to fill this split position until January of 2017.

Measure Z support for our additional half time deputy has led to increased public safety in Trinidad, and in the Greater Trinidad Area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Law enforcement presence alone is a significant deterrent to criminal activity. Having deputies assigned to Trinidad relieves the McKinleyville substation from having to cover this large geographic area, which can leave the more McKinleyville area short staffed. Trinidad deputies have been involved with a wide range of public safety activities including welfare checks for seniors, , search and rescue on our hazardous coastal bluffs and shoreline, child welfare and domestic violence, drug enforcement, recovery of stolen firearms, and .

Specific accomplishments include a reduction in crime and calls for service associated with Hidden Creek Trailer Park, which had been a significant 'hotspot' for problems in Trinidad and significant improvements in the impact of transient campers on our Trinidad Museum and Library through steady law enforcement presence and follow up. The residents of Trinidad have been thrilled to have more presence and activity from the Sheriff's Office as a result of Measure Z funding.

ATTACHMENT II - EXHIBIT E
Measure Z-FY 19/20 Project Budget
City of Trinidad

Descriptions	Amounts
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: 1/2 Time Sheriff Deputy	
Salary and Benefits	
Calculation: about \$6,250.00/month	75,317.00
Duties Description: Law enforcement services	

Total Personnel: 75,317.00

B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Title: Rent for Office Space	
The City will provide office and storage space for the deputy; supplies and other operational needs will be provided by the Sheriff	
Description: Department	9,000.00

Title:	
Description:	

Total Operating Costs: 0

C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)

Title:	
Supplies will be provided by the Sheriff	
Description: Department	0

Title:	
Description:	

Title:	
Description:	

Total Consumable/Supplies: 0

D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)

Title:	
Travel expenses will be paid by the Sheriff	
Description: Department	0

Title:	
Description:	

Total Transportation/Travel Costs: 0

E. Fixed Assets

Title:	
Description:	0

Total Other Costs: 0

Budget Total: 84,317.00

Measure Z Request:	75,317.00
City contribution:	9,000.00