

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

Humboldt County Library has requested \$66,000 of Measure Z funding for two security guards during all open hours at the Eureka Library. Measure Z has funded one security guard for the past year. If the total amount of our request is not doable, please consider continuing to fund one position at \$33,000.

As justification for our request, below is a brief list of some of the incidents occurring at the Eureka Library over the past month:

- A patron for was banned for harassing staff with inappropriate sexual language
- A patron was photographing children without permission
- The library has received multiple complaints from parents expressing that, due to safety concerns, they might not be able to return with their children
- A male patron had to be removed from the women's restroom
- An EPD trespass form was served to a habitually misbehaving patron; will result in patron's arrest if they return to the library
- A patron threw books at our security guard, stole placard off desk
- Library staff witnessed someone shooting up on the front porch
- A known drug dealer questioned by EPD in the library's parking lot, 3 police cars on site
- A patron was found unconscious from drug or alcohol use; EMS called, patron removed on gurney
- Library Director and Assistant Library Director are currently spending a combined 12 to 15 hours per week on security detail.
- Obscene graffiti on building
- On-premises drug use
- Syringes found stashed in a book (example 1)
- Management and EPD must routinely clear the front porch (example 2)

In addition to requesting Measure Z funding, library administration and staff are taking proactive steps towards maintaining a safe and welcoming environment. Management and security meetings are held almost daily, new communication procedures are in place, and the library is working with EPD to document and arrest repeat offenders. Staff have assumed more security tasks and responsibilities, such as checking bathrooms, walking the floor, and circling the library grounds to monitor for unacceptable behavior.

The library is investing substantial resources in new, system-wide training initiatives. These initiatives are designed to equip staff with the skills and techniques needed to work with challenging patron behaviors.

The library recently hosted a Department Head meeting at which a colleague said, "Nick, I didn't know you were running a shelter here." Although said half in jest, the point holds: the library is Eureka's de facto day shelter. As such, we are working with patrons suffering from the effects of drug use, homelessness, and untreated mental illness.

The Humboldt County Library has made great strides over the past year. New programs have been created, services are being expanded, and library processes have been streamlined to

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improve customer service. Funding the library's Measure Z request will ensure the library's continued growth and benefit to Humboldt County's community members and families.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Nick Wilczek  
Humboldt County Library Director



Example 1

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/emkVTzNQZnWPxKGg6>

Example 2, video link



# ORLEANS COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

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Mr. Mike Wilson, Third District Supervisor  
825 5<sup>th</sup> St. Room 111  
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Dear Supervisor Wilson:

The Orleans Community Service District is applying for funding from Measure Z this year to replace a dangerous, unsafe, and decomposing barn for its fire service, the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department.

The current barn where the fire engines are kept is **dangerous, dilapidated, the foundation is failing, and the floor has huge cracks** as the barn settles towards the Klamath River. **It isn't code-compliant, it isn't ADA-accessible, it's in the floodplain, and it's falling apart.** See attached engineer's report regarding its condition.

We can't rebuild on that site because that would require expanding our footprint, and that's not allowed in the Klamath River floodplain. We do not have a bathroom and can't build one because it isn't permissible to build a septic system 70 feet from the Klamath River. That makes it hard to recruit new volunteers (especially women) and makes our fire barn useless as an incident command center when there's a big event like a fire, an over-the-bank rescue, or a recovery.

The Orleans Volunteers are all we have for the first couple of hours for any fire response, wildland or structure, in all of Northeast Humboldt County including Weitchpec and Highway 169 to Waitec/Johnsons. The USFS no longer provides local staff to support firefighting, as their staff live in Willow Creek and are at least an hour out from any wildland fire that starts in our community. The Orleans Volunteers have already been asked to staff wildland fires beyond initial attack for this reason and are gearing up for more such needs this coming season. CalFire is not local either and is 1-2 hours out. The Orleans Volunteers are all there is for initial attack and for the first hour or two of any firefighting endeavor—we can put them out small so they don't become huge. **We serve not only Orleans but also all of Northeast Humboldt County.**

We are asking for \$200,000 towards a building that will cost \$295,000 when finished. We have come up with other funding, including the HCFCFA and our own savings, for the other \$95,000. We have a safe new location on donated land and a great design. We have grading and building permits in hand. The Forest Service allowed us to connect with their sewer treatment plant across the road and the connection is completed thanks to volunteer help from Whitson Plumbing and cooperation and an encroachment permit from Public Works. We received **unanimous support from the Measure Z Committee** (9-0) for our application to advance and received unanimous top rating (1.0) in project importance.

We've expended over \$7,000 of our own cash and have put in over 700 hours of "sweat equity" work, including over 400 hours of donated heavy equipment time. Our engineers have donated all their time to us, a value of over \$45,000. We have a whole lot of skin in this game.

We need funds from Measure Z to build this critical public safety infrastructure for Northeast Humboldt County. This isn't just a barn for fire engines. As **Sheriff Honsal noted, it will be an incident command center** that can serve law enforcement (CHP and the Sheriff's Office), including for over-the-bank into the Klamath River accidents, wilderness search and rescue incidents, large fires, and our own department for medical aid on multi-casualty incidents.

We ask that you recognize the emergency needs of our fire service and provide this corner of Humboldt County with desperately-needed funding for a multi-purpose fire station and incident command center.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Myers, Chief



Joshua T. McKnight, CE60687

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Job No 1110

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Orleans Volunteer Fire Department  
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RE: Structural evaluation  
Orleans Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Orleans, California  
APN: 529-101-015

Ms. Penny Eckert:

Per your request, Trinity Valley Consulting Engineers conducted an evaluation of the existing structure at the above referenced location on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The evaluation consisted of site observations and review for conformance with current structural code. No destructive testing or calculations were performed as part of this evaluation. The building consists of an original structure with three bays and an addition with two additional bays. Findings were as follows:

- A crack in the structural slab foundation exists in the original structure likely caused from soil settlement under the south eastern quarter section. The crack has separated 3/8-1/4 of an inch and the southern section of the slab has settled 1 1/2 to 2 inches at the south eastern wall. No information is available on foundation construction or the underlying soil condition.
- The original building does not have plywood sheeting on the exterior walls. Metal siding likely does not have adequate shear capacity for anticipated lateral loading.
- The entire roof system lacks plywood sheeting, inhibiting the ability of the structural system to transfer shear loads to other structural elements.
- Foundation anchor bolts are 1/2 inch diameter at 55 inch spacing, and are likely not adequate for shear loads.
- The building does not have an ADA compliant entrance, parking or bathroom.
- Multiple shims were observed under support posts, thus compromising the integrity of structural connections.

- No hold down anchors were observed within the building structure. Likewise, structural connections were not observed tying the walls or support beams to the roof structure.
- Areas of rot were observed in the sill plate, compromising the buildings structural integrity.

In addition to the above noted deficiencies, this structure, as utilized for emergency services, would require additional loadings and detailing for compliance. As such, based on this preliminary evaluation, it appears that this structure would not be compliant with current structural code. If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Josh McKnight, P.E.



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March 26, 2019

File No.: 125.14866.16321

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
825 5th Street, Room 111  
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Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

The California Highway Patrol, Humboldt Area is in support of a new fire station for the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department. A new facility would accommodate their staffing necessities, equipment and allow for an Incident Command Center for this remote location.

Additionally, the proposed location is not in a flood plain, will be ideal for quick responses and ultimately allow them to provide a better service to the community. The new facility will allow first responder and community members a place to train for medical responses and fire incidents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. L. Barr".

S. L. BARR, Captain  
Commander



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April 5, 2019

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
 825 5th Street, Room 111  
 Eureka, CA 95551

Ayukii (Hello):

The Karuk Tribe's ancestral territory runs along the Klamath River and into the mountains on either side from just upriver of Weitchpec to upriver of Happy Camp and to what is now the California border with Oregon. This territory includes the town of Orleans and the entire response area of the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD). The Tribe has consistently supported community development projects in Orleans and in particular has a history of supporting the OVFD. The OVFD, an all-volunteer group that includes Tribal members, provides first response for medical aid, structure fires, and often for wildland fires that threaten the community. As such, it offers protection for the Tribal members living in Tribal housing, to Tribal buildings in Orleans, and to community and Tribal members wherever they live in the response area.

The OVFD is requesting support from Measure Z to help fund a new fire station to replace their dangerously unsafe current barn, and this letter recommends that you provide them that support. This support will allow the OVFD to operate safely and continue to provide emergency services in Northeast Humboldt County.

This project is essential to the OVFD in that the current barn is unsafe, undersized and can no longer fit the needs of the department. Built in the 1960s on property not owned by OVFD and just 70' from the Klamath River and in its floodplain, reconstruction is not an option. There is no bathroom and no water to clean up after an incident. The foundation and building frame are not structurally sound.

The new Fire Station is designed to house four engines and will give OVFD personnel a safe working environment, training and meeting areas, and the capacity to host an Incident Command Center. It will encourage new volunteers and improve the OVFD's services. Completion of the new station will also benefit the community and county by allowing the Department to provide a space for fire prevention and medical training events, house the county's advanced warning system for natural disasters such as floods and wildfire, and provide a proper place for an Incident Command Center during medical or fire incidents.

The OVFD needs this new fire station to continue to provide safe and rapid first response to fire, medical, and other emergencies to Tribal and non-tribal members of our community. Please give the OVFD's request for \$200,000 of Measure Z funds to complete the foundation work, the shell of building, electrical, and plumbing your full and fair consideration.

*Russel "Buster" Attebery*

Russel "Buster" Attebery  
 Chairman of the Karuk Tribal Council



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January 30, 2019

Supervisor Steve Madrone  
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Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisor Madrone:

I am writing in support of the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department's (OVFD) proposal to fund a new fire station. The new fire station would replace the current fire station and allow the OVFD to operate safely, properly maintain and protect its equipment, and continue to provide emergency services in one of the most rural areas of my congressional district.

Built in the 1960s on property not owned by OVFD and in the 1964 flood plain, reconstruction of the existing station is not an option. The current station is heated by a wood stove to protect the apparatus' fire pumps from freezing. The foundation and building frame are not structurally sound, there is no separation between apparatus and general areas, and there is no vehicle exhaust extraction system. This causes unsafe exposure to department personnel from carbon monoxide and other cancer-causing particulates from apparatus and off-gassing of equipment.

The new fire station would house four engines and give OVFD personnel safe working, training and meeting areas. The new station would provide the department a space for fire prevention and medical training events, Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association meetings, and the county's advanced warning system for natural disasters, and a proper place for an Incident Command Center during medical or fire incidents.

Please give the OVFD's request for \$200,000 of Measure Z funds to make significant strides toward completion of the fire station your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, contact my district staff, John Driscoll, at (707) 407-3585.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN  
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April 12, 2019

Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your consideration regarding our Measure Z 2019-2020 application for the Willow Creek Ambulance Service. Our proposal was requested in the amount of \$370,011. The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is recommending a funding level of 70% of the requested amount, a total of \$259,208. I know that there was less funds to distribute this year and more proposals and we truly appreciate all of the support the CAC has provided over the past few years. The \$110,803 shortfall could be detrimental in our ability to continue providing the 24/7 service to Willow Creek and surrounding areas.

The responsibility of providing this service is with the County of Humboldt. The Hoopa Valley Tribe/K'ima:w Medical Center has provided the service for many years without any contribution from the County. Originally the Measure Z funds were a stop gap measure set up by the County until they could create a Community Safety District. This did not happen and County staff stated there was not support for the Community Safety District. The County contribution is essential to the continuation of the service at the same levels. We were funded in 2018-2019 for \$267,000. The request of \$370,011 was a direct result of the following:

1. Small increase given to paramedics as a retention effort. There is a shortage of paramedics in Humboldt County and some local agencies are offering sign on bonuses.
2. A significant increase in our Group Health Insurance Rates.
3. Indian Health Service no longer subsidizing the GSA lease for ambulances resulting in additional lease expense.

The ambulance program budget is approximately \$1.2 million per year. In 2018, we responded to 1,149 calls. 346 of those calls were generated from Willow Creek, Burnt Ranch, and Salyer. 46 calls were Motor Vehicle Accidents and 15 were over-the bank. We have been a good "Partner" with the County. For two years, we had savings from our allocation that was not used. Last year, we received some of our savings to fund the replacement of our outdated radio system. This letter is to ask for three considerations:

1. Please fully fund the Humboldt County portion of the Willow Creek ambulance base budget

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2. If you can not fully fund the budget now, please prioritize us for any additional funds that may be received. If we have savings from our 2018-2019 operations, authorize those funds to be redirected back to K'ima:w Medical Center for the 2019-2020 service.
  3. Please consider including the cost of the Willow Creek Base budget as a recurring expense. The County Departments receive their funding prior to any other agency being considered. We should not have to compete for funding to continue providing a service that the County should be providing. We request a long-term contract with the County for longer than a year.

Thank you for your consideration and support and we look forward to maintaining our "Partnership" with the County of Humboldt.

Respectfully



Mary Benedict  
Controller

CC: Hoopa Valley Tribal Council  
K'ima:w Medical Center Board of Directors  
Stephen Stake, Interim CEO