



Citizens' Advisory Committee
on
Measure Z Expenditures

Humboldt County

AGENDA

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CALIFORNIA**

**Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026
Time 2:00 PM**

- A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- D. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**
 - D.1. Draft Minutes For Dec. 4, 2025**

Documents:

[DRAFT Meeting Minutes Dec. 4, 2025.pdf](#)

- E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- F. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE UPDATES**

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1. Finalize Application For FY 2026-27 And Authorize Release Of Applications

Applications are proposed to be due Feb. 13, 2026.

Documents:

[MZ Funding Application Template FY 26-27.pdf](#)

G.2. Review Recommendations Of The Measure Z Ad Hoc Committee Regarding The Updated Spending Plan

On Dec. 4, 2025, the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures appointed an ad hoc committee to develop options for a new spending plan. The current three-year spending plan concludes at the end of FY 2026-27, and the Committee expressed interest in adopting a new plan before the end of the current fiscal year. A key consideration is how to allocate the \$400,000 in ongoing funding that was previously used by Public Works for its brush cutter project and is now funded by Measure O. The ad hoc committee developed three options for the Committee's consideration and offers the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1:

- *Use \$200,000 from Public Works to:*
 - *Fund the City of Fortuna's School Resource Officer (SRO) program, an existing project that is consistently ranked highly by the Committee. This would make Fortuna's annual base allocation \$400,000, with the remainder of its funding going to their Drug Task Force agent.*
- *Use the remaining \$200,000 from Public Works to:*
 - *Fund all large county departments with Measure Z allocated positions at 5.2% below their projected fiscal year need.*
 - *Get the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association (HCFCA) base allocation up to \$1 million each year.*
- *Prioritize getting HCFCA to \$1.5 million before opening applications.*

Recommendation #2:

- *Use \$400,000 from Public Works to:*
 - *Provide additional \$200,000 to City of Fortuna for its SRO as described in Recommendation 1.*
 - *Provide additional \$200,000 to HCFCA.*
- *Remainder of allocations remain the same.*
 - *DHHS reduced to \$900,000 to align with reduced projected need.*

Recommendation #3:

Status quo option. This would keep the allocation formula the same as it is now, which would effectively provide HCFCA with the full \$400,000 of Public Works' allocation.

Documents:

MZ Current Spending Plan.pdf

MZ Spending Plan 27-30 Recommendations for Committee.pdf

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

County of Humboldt Web Site: <https://humboldt.gov/MeasureZ>



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12/4/2025 - Minutes

A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Trent, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus, Dawson (alternate) with Kohl appearing remotely (caregiving need of sibling)

C. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

D.1. Approval Of March 6, 2025 Action Summary

A motion was made by Long, seconded by Honsal to approve March 6, 2025 Action Summary. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 9 – Trent, Kohl, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

F. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE UPDATES

F.1. Introduction Of New Staff

F.2. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Year-End, And Early Projections On FY 2026-27

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1. Selection Of Chair And Vice Chair, Effective Next Meeting

1. A motion was made by Honsal, seconded by Feierabend to continue electing the chair and vice chair's yearly and by a volunteer basis. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 9 – Trent, Kohl, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus

2. A motion was made by Feierabend, seconded Campbell to nominate Tami Trent as chair. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 9 – Trent, Kohl, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus

3. A motion was made by Trent, seconded Campbell to nominate Dylan Feiererabend as vice chair. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 9 – Trent, Kohl, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus

G.2. Approval Of Measure Z Calendar

A motion was made by Trent, seconded Honsal to approve proposed 2026 Calendar. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 9 – Trent, Kohl, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus

G.3. Discussion On 3-Year Spending Plan For FY 27-28 Through FY 29-30

A motion was made by Honsal, seconded Pape to have the chair and vice chair work with the County Administrative Office Management and Budget Team to create options for a new spending plan and presenting them at the Jan. 15, 2026 meeting. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 9 – Trent, Kohl, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long, Titus

H. ADJOURNMENT

Dylan Feierabend, 1st District, Vice Chair
Tami Trent, 2nd District, Chair
Ginger Campbell, 3rd District
Nicholas Kohl, 4th District
Darcy Miller, 5th District



Sue Long, At-Large
Taylin Titus, At-Large
Nicholas Pape, Fire Chiefs Assoc.
William Honsal, Sheriff's Office
Ron Dawson, Alternate
Vacant, Alternate

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

The Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on *Measure Z* Expenditures is now accepting applications for funding. *Measure Z*, Humboldt County's Public Safety/Essential Services Measure, is a half-cent sales tax, passed by the voters of Humboldt County during the November 2014 general election and renewed in 2018.

Measure Z will maintain and improve essential services, such as:

- 911 emergency response, rural ambulance and fire protection;
- Ensuring 24-hour Sheriff's patrols;
- Providing children's mental health services and services to victims of child abuse;
- Emergency communications systems;
- Repairing deteriorating roads; and
- Other essential general services.

Important Notice: The Citizens' Advisory Committee will not recommend *Measure Z* funding for new, ongoing county positions, consistent with the adopted stance of the Committee in May 2023. Applications proposing such positions are unlikely to be recommended for funding.

If you believe you provide public safety or essential services for Humboldt County, and would like to apply for *Measure Z* funding, an application for funding may be obtained on the County's website at www.humboldt.gov.org, or by contacting the Humboldt County Administrative Office, (707) 445-7266.

Applications for funding must be filed with the County Administrative Office BY 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 13, 2026. Postmarks are not acceptable for meeting this deadline.

Tami Trent
Chair

Dylan Feierabend
Vice Chair



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON *MEASURE Z* EXPENDITURES

The Advisory Committee meets on each Thursday in March to review applications and its recommendations will go before the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in April.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-2027 is \$1.75 million.

Project Title _____

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2026-27: \$ _____

AGENCY PRIORITY: Agencies are encouraged to submit one project per application. If your agency is submitting more than one application, please rank this application in terms of your agency's priority.

Top Priority Second Third Fourth Fifth N/A (only submitting one application)

Summary of Expenses:

Item	Amount	% of total
Salaries (Wages)	_____	_____
Benefits	_____	_____
Overhead and Occupancy (Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)	_____	_____
Equipment/Supplies/Services	_____	_____
Transportation/Travel	_____	_____
Fixed Assets	_____	_____
	_____	100%

2. Entity Type - Please check appropriate box.

Humboldt County Department

Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County

Local Government Entity

Private Service Provider

Non-Profit Service Provider

Other, Describe: _____

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by *Measure Z* in the past? (check one) Yes No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

1: a report detailing results from the most recent year the project was funded, and:

2: a completed Staffing Report detailing when the funded positions were filled during the most recent year you received funding for this project.

**See the Required Attachments section on Page 3 of this application for more details*

4. Describe how the scope of your proposal fits the intent of *Measure Z*. Specifically, how will it maintain and improve public safety and essential services, as described on the previous page?

5. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding.

10. Will this proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, name that entity and describe what that participation would look like.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? (check one) Yes No If you checked yes, detail those expenses here. Please note, the Citizens' Advisory Committee in May 2023, adopted a stance that it would not recommend funding for new, ongoing county positions.

12. If awarded less than the full amount requested, could the proposed project still be implemented? If yes, please identify the minimum funding amount required for the project to remain feasible and describe any changes to scope or outcomes.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Include the following with your application, making sure to **limit your responses to one page, per section**. Responses longer than the maximum may not be read by committee members or considered as part of your application.

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: Please utilize the template provided on the following pages and linked on the [county's website](#). This will need to be updated if your agency is approved for funding.

Staffing Report: Please utilize the template provided on the following pages, and linked on the [county's website](#) to report on the months that funded positions were filled during the most recent year you received Measure Z funding.

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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

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

Measure Z Base Funding Current Plan			
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	24-25 (Base)	25-26 (Base)	26-27 (Base)
Kimaw	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Fortuna	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Fire	\$ 1,006,809	\$ 1,006,213	\$ 975,049
STAR	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500
Applications	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 907,670
COUNTY DEPT'S	24-25 (Base)	25-26 (Base)	26-27 (Base)
Public Defender	\$ 311,568	\$ 316,424	\$ 342,479
DHHS	\$ 937,500	\$ 975,719	\$ 937,500
District Attorney	\$ 1,687,500	\$ 1,756,294	\$ 1,687,500
Probation	\$ 625,000	\$ 650,479	\$ 625,000
Sheriff	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 7,025,177	\$ 6,750,000
Public Works	\$ 411,117		
Admin/HR	\$ 108,006	\$ 107,193	\$ 112,302
PARTNERS TOTAL	\$ 2,169,309	\$ 2,168,713	\$ 2,545,219
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 10,830,691	\$ 10,831,287	\$ 10,454,781
Total Funding Available	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
% Partners	16.69%	16.68%	19.58%
% County	83.31%	83.32%	80.42%

Measure Z Base Funding Option 1

Fortuna increased \$200k / Fire base allocation increase to \$1M / Fund large county departments
5.2% below projected need / Prioritize fire getting to \$1.5M before opening applications

COMMUNITY PARTNERS	27-28 Base	28-29 Base	29-30 Base
Kimaw	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Fortuna	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Fire	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
STAR	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500
Applications*	\$ 527,764	\$ 514,222	\$ 500,251
COUNTY DEPT'S	27-28 Base	28-29 Base	29-30 Base
Public Defender	\$ 336,013	\$ 346,091	\$ 356,487
DHHS	\$ 886,000	\$ 886,000	\$ 886,000
District Attorney	\$ 1,755,000	\$ 1,755,000	\$ 1,755,000
Probation	\$ 652,000	\$ 652,000	\$ 652,000
Sheriff	\$ 6,865,000	\$ 6,865,000	\$ 6,865,000
Admin/HR	\$ 115,723	\$ 119,187	\$ 122,762
PARTNERS TOTAL	\$ 2,390,264	\$ 2,376,722	\$ 2,362,751
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 10,609,736	\$ 10,623,278	\$ 10,637,249
Total Funding Available	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
% Partners	18.39%	18.28%	18.18%
% County	81.61%	81.72%	81.82%

* First \$500k will automatically go to Fire.

**Measure Z Base Funding
Option 2**

Fortuna increased \$200K / \$200K to Fire / County Deptments the same except DHHS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS	27-28 Base	28-29 Base	29-30 Base
Kimaw	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Fortuna	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Fire	\$ 1,223,264	\$ 1,209,722	\$ 1,195,751
STAR	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500
Applications	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
COUNTY DEPT'S	27-28 Base	28-29 Base	29-30 Base
Public Defender	\$ 336,013	\$ 346,091	\$ 356,487
DHHS	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000
District Attorney	\$ 1,687,500	\$ 1,687,500	\$ 1,687,500
Probation	\$ 625,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 625,000
Sheriff	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 6,750,000
Admin/HR	\$ 115,723	\$ 119,187	\$ 122,762
PARTNERS TOTAL	\$ 2,585,764	\$ 2,572,222	\$ 2,558,251
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 10,414,236	\$ 10,427,778	\$ 10,441,749
Total Funding Available	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
% Partners	19.89%	19.79%	19.68%
% County	80.11%	80.21%	80.32%

Measure Z Base Funding

Option 3

"Status Quo" - Keep everything the same

COMMUNITY PARTNERS	27-28 Base	28-29 Base	29-30 Base
Kimaw	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Fortuna	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Fire	\$ 1,385,764	\$ 1,372,222	\$ 1,358,251
STAR	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500
Applications	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
COUNTY DEPT'S	27-28 Base	28-29 Base	29-30 Base
Public Defender	\$ 336,013	\$ 346,091	\$ 356,487
DHHS	\$ 937,500	\$ 937,500	\$ 937,500
District Attorney	\$ 1,687,500	\$ 1,687,500	\$ 1,687,500
Probation	\$ 625,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 625,000
Sheriff	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 6,750,000
Admin/HR	\$ 115,723	\$ 119,187	\$ 122,762
PARTNERS TOTAL	\$ 2,548,264	\$ 2,534,722	\$ 2,520,751
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 10,451,736	\$ 10,465,278	\$ 10,479,249
Total Funding Available	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
% Partners	19.60%	19.50%	19.39%
% County	80.40%	80.50%	80.61%