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**Citizens' Advisory Committee
on
Measure Z Expenditures**

Humboldt County

Meeting Minutes

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

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1/15/2026 - Minutes

A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Trent, Feierabend, Kohl, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long

Absent: Titus, Dawson (alternate)

C. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

D.1. Draft Minutes For Dec. 4, 2025

A motion was made by Long, seconded by Feierabend to approve Dec. 4, 2025 Action Summary. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 8 – Trent, Feierabend, Kohl, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

F. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE UPDATES

An update given by the County Administrative Office stated that there will be \$1.65 million in funds available for the 2026/27 Measure Z application process.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

A motion was made by Pape, seconded by Long to approve application and authorize release of application, and extend the application period deadline to Thursday, Feb. 26. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 7 – Trent, Feierabend, Campbell, Miller, Pape, Honsal, Long

Nay: 1 – Kohl

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

A motion was made by Feierabend, seconded by Long to approve recommendation #1 from the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried with the final vote:

Aye: 6 – Trent, Feierabend, Campbell, Pape, Honsal, Long

Nay: 2 – Kohl, Miller

H. ADJOURNMENT

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	\$ 965,982
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	\$ 351,328
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	\$ 112,520
PARTNERS TOTAL	\$ 2,169,309	\$ 2,168,713	\$ 2,536,152
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 10,830,691	\$ 10,831,287	\$ 10,463,848
Total Funding Available	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
% Partners	16.69%	16.68%	19.51%
% County	83.31%	83.32%	80.49%

Policy Stances Taken By the Measure Z Committee

May 10, 2023 Meeting

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Item F.2. – Recommendations of the Measure Z Ad Hoc

Recommendation #3: Create a reserve fund/account in an amount of 16% of annual revenue, to be funded with unspent funding in the prior year. Funding would be used to meet any current year obligations where actual revenue does not meet projections.

Action: Motion made by Honsal to adopt Seconded by Trent 7-0, Miller absent

Recommendation #1: Require a self-audit on staffing. Staff to return with examples of how the self-audit can be reflected on quarterly reports and applications.

Recommendation #2: Create a criteria for allowable costs, including personnel, equipment and overhead.

Recommendation #4: Create a mechanism that would allow the committee to recommend partial funding of applications. Initial review by committee will include whether committee members believe an application is a candidate for partial funding.

Recommendation #5: Require agencies to report on their applications efforts they have taken to pursue other funding sources to replace Measure Z funding, and/or other funding they have received that could replace Measure Z funding.

Action: Motion by Honsal to approve recommendations 1, 2, 4 and 5. Seconded by Trent 7-0, Miller absent

Recommendation #6: Adopt a stance that the committee will not recommend any more ongoing county positions to be funded by Measure Z.

Action: Motion by Ziemer to adopt Recommendation #6, Seconded by Kohl

Yes: Trent, Miller, Campbell, Robertson, Kohl, Ziemer

No: Honsal, Bronkall

Passes 6-2

Recommendation #7: Establish a goal of 67% of total revenue to be allocated each year to county departments to be achieved by FY 2026-27. The goal will be reviewed every other year by the committee. The first year of review will be FY 2025-26.

Action: Motion made by Kohl to adopt Recommendation #7, Seconded by Ziemer.

Yes: Miller, Campbell, Ziemer, Robertson, Bronkall, Kohl

No: Trent, Honsal

Passes 6-2

Policy Stances Taken By the Measure Z Committee

Dec. 7, 2023 Meeting

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Item F.3 – Report on Board of Supervisors MZ Ad Hoc Recommendations

Motion by Ziemer to support Board's decision to pre-allocate funding for fire department, two ambulance companies and Fortuna for the 3-year period that was described in the staff report to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee expressed interest in wanting to participate in the financial planning for the period after the 3-year plan.

*Action: Seconded by Kohl. Passes 8-0
Campbell absent*

Motion by Bronkall to:

1. Move forward the FY 22-23 salary savings and make it available for recommendation by the Measure
2. Z Committee for FY 24-25, and not allocate funding at mid-year. Make that process continuous every year.
3. If the Board decides to allocate funding during mid-year, the Board should fully fund the projects that were reduced in FY 23-24, then continue to fund the next available application on the list.
4. The Board should also consider withholding 16% of the funding in reserve, and prioritize use of that funding to backfill external agencies if revenue does not meet \$12.5M, county agencies secondary.

*Action: Seconded by Kohl. Passed 8-0
Campbell absent*

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45118

Date Submitted: 2/23/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Fortuna Police Department

Mailing Address*

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City*

Fortuna

Zip*

95540

Contact Person*

Matthew Eberhardt

Title*

Chief of Police

Phone Number*

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Project Title*

Eel River Valley School Resource Officer

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

249,962.00

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

125,876.00

Salaries %*

50.36

Benefits**Benefits Amount***

101,586.00

Benefits %*

40.64

Overhead and Occupancy(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)**Overhead/Occupancy Amount***

12,500.00

Overhead/Occupancy %*

5

Equipment/Supplies/Services**Equip./Services/Supplies Amount***

5,000.00

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

2

Transportation/Travel**Transportation/Travel Amount***

5,000.00

Transportation/Travel %*

2

Fixed Assets**Fixed Assets Amount***

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL**Total Amount of Application***

249,962.00

TOTAL 100%**2. ENTITY TYPE***

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

Yes

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.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

The Fortuna Police Department is seeking continued Measure Z funding to sustain the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, a vital safety partnership serving the diverse educational landscape of the Eel River Valley. This proposal covers the essential salary, benefits, equipment, and specialized training necessary for a sworn officer to provide dedicated law enforcement services and mentorship across multiple elementary and high school campuses. A core strength of this program is its broad operational reach, providing consistent security and emergency response to schools located within both the incorporated City of Fortuna and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Humboldt County.

By maintaining a mobile and high-visibility presence across these various jurisdictions, the SRO program ensures that high-quality safety services remain accessible to all students in the region, regardless of their school's municipal status. The officer acts as a specialized first responder, a proactive problem-solver for campus-related issues, and a bridge between law enforcement and the youth community. This integrated approach allows for rapid intervention in critical incidents and fosters a culture of violence prevention through daily engagement and trust-building with students and staff.

Measure Z funding is the essential foundation of this regional safety net, allowing the Fortuna Police Department to provide a level of specialized, cross-jurisdictional service that would otherwise be unattainable through standard municipal budgets. This investment directly supports the shared goal of creating a secure, resilient learning environment for every child in the Eel River Valley, ensuring that consistent public safety resources are distributed equitably across the incorporated and unincorporated communities we serve.

5. 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?*

The Fortuna Police Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) program serves as a vital safety bridge between incorporated city limits and the surrounding unincorporated areas of the Eel River Valley. By providing a dedicated officer to navigate these multi-jurisdictional campus environments, this proposal directly fulfills the intent of Measure Z to maintain essential public safety services across diverse community bounds. This mobile, specialized presence ensures a rapid, expert response to school-based emergencies that might otherwise be delayed by the logistical challenges of covering rural or unincorporated stretches. Rather than a reactive patrol model, the SRO program provides a consistent law enforcement anchor that stabilizes the safety profile of our entire regional educational network.

Beyond emergency mitigation, the SRO program enhances the efficiency of the broader justice system by employing a "triad model" of law enforcement, informal counseling, and education. By addressing root causes of behavioral issues and chronic absenteeism on both city and county campuses, the officer acts as a preventative force, diverting youth from the legal system before high-cost interventions become necessary. This cross-jurisdictional approach ensures that students in unincorporated areas receive the same high standard of protection and mentorship as those within city limits, creating a unified safety net that reduces the long-term burden on county-wide municipal and social service resources.

Ultimately, funding the SRO program through Measure Z represents a strategic investment in regional stability. The program transforms school safety from a set of fragmented protocols into a dynamic, integrated service that protects our educational institutions while fostering a culture of accountability. By maintaining this essential link between the Fortuna Police Department and the various school districts of the Eel River Valley, we are safeguarding our youth and ensuring that public safety resources are distributed equitably across the incorporated and unincorporated communities we serve.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program serves as a comprehensive regional resource for the Eel River Valley, providing a unified law enforcement presence across a diverse geographic footprint. This project serves the incorporated cities of Fortuna, Ferndale, and Rio Dell, while also extending essential coverage to the unincorporated communities of Loleta, Scotia, and Hydesville. By maintaining an operational reach that spans these various municipal and county jurisdictions, the Fortuna Police Department provides 15 different campuses with a consistent level of specialized support. This multi-jurisdictional approach is vital for the region, as it ensures that students in rural and unincorporated stretches have the same access to dedicated school-based resources as those in the city center.

The population directly served by this proposal includes a student body of over 5,000 youth, in addition to the faculty and administrative staff who operate these educational institutions. The SRO provides a specialized level of service that goes far beyond traditional patrol duties by focusing on the unique social and developmental needs of a school environment. The officer is a primary resource for school staff, actively assisting in conflict counseling regarding bullying and complex social issues, while also addressing criminal matters and implementing proactive safety programs. By engaging with this high-density youth population on a daily basis, the officer is able to build the rapport necessary for effective early intervention and violence prevention.

Because the Eel River Valley serves as the primary educational and residential hub for Southern Humboldt County, the impact of this project is truly regional in scope. Measure Z funding allows for the equitable distribution of these services, ensuring that the availability of mentorship and professional safety guidance is not determined by whether a school sits within a city center or a remote county pocket. This program maintains and improves essential services by fostering a resilient learning environment for over 5,000 students, ultimately contributing to the long-term stability of the entire Humboldt County community.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The City of Fortuna's sustainability plan for the SRO program is rooted in administrative prioritization and long-term fiscal discipline. While state and federal "hiring grants" often remain out of reach for many rural agencies due to strict requirements regarding full authorized staffing levels, the Fortuna Police Department has remained steadfast in its commitment to this position. Even amidst persistent, industry-wide staffing shortages, the Department has intentionally prioritized the SRO role as a non-negotiable service. By choosing to maintain this presence on campus while other specialized units may be left vacant, the City demonstrates that this program is a top-tier priority within its existing General Fund long-term planning.

To ensure the program remains viable without a total reliance on a single source, the City continues to evaluate and optimize its internal revenue structures. This includes restructuring staff roles for maximum efficiency and fostering a local economic environment that supports a stable sales tax base. By strengthening the city's overall economic foundation, we aim to build a more resilient General Fund capable of absorbing a greater share of essential public safety costs as staffing levels eventually stabilize.

Ultimately, the sustainability of this program is justified by its preventative value. The SRO program functions as a cost-avoidance measure for the entire region; by diverting youth from the criminal justice system and providing immediate intervention in school-based incidents, we reduce the future fiscal burden on county-wide emergency response and social services. We remain dedicated to managing our municipal resources so that this critical link between law enforcement and the approximately 15 campuses in the Eel River Valley remains a permanent fixture of our regional safety infrastructure.

8. 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?*

Since its inception in 2017, the School Resource Officer (SRO) program has relied primarily on Measure Z funding to maintain its specialized presence across the Eel River Valley. This funding serves as the essential foundation for the salary, benefits, and specialized training required to sustain a dedicated officer for our regional schools. During a previous one-time funding gap, the program was maintained through municipal funds, though this necessitated a significant reduction in the services provided and narrowed the population of students served. Relying on a municipal budget to carry the full weight of a regional program is not a sustainable long-term solution for the City of Fortuna. However, following that period, the City successfully secured Measure Z funds again, which allowed for the full reinstatement of the position to its current capacity.

Securing continued Measure Z funding is necessary to protect this vital partnership and return it to a stable, appropriate funding model that accurately reflects its geographic reach. Because the SRO serves multiple incorporated cities and various unincorporated county areas, the fiscal responsibility for the position exceeds the capacity of a single municipality. This request seeks to ensure that the SRO can remain fully focused on proactive violence prevention, bullying intervention, and professional guidance for all students in the Eel River Valley without the risk of future service reductions.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

The stability provided by Measure Z fosters stronger community and institutional support, which serves as the primary leverage for the SRO program. A consistent, fully funded presence allows the Fortuna Police Department to maintain deep, multi-jurisdictional partnerships with school administrators across the region's 15 campuses. This established trust is the most valuable form of leverage we have, as it creates a unified regional front that can advocate for safety resources and community-backed initiatives to support our student population of over 5,000 youth. This partnership ensures that we are not just providing a law enforcement presence, but are actively integrated into the safety and well-being of the entire Eel River Valley educational community, allowing us to better coordinate regional safety programs and conflict counseling efforts that benefit the county as a whole.

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. *

No. This proposal does not require any new or expanded activity from outside entities to be fully functional and effective. The Fortuna Police Department has maintained long-standing, collaborative relationships with the various school districts and municipal partners throughout the Eel River Valley, including the communities of Ferndale, Rio Dell, Loleta, Scotia, and Hydesville. Because the infrastructure for this regional partnership is already firmly in place, the SRO program is a turn-key operation that integrates seamlessly into the daily functions of the approximately 15 campuses it serves.

The program is designed to be self-sustaining within the Fortuna Police Department's existing operational framework. While the SRO works closely with school administrators to provide conflict counseling and safety programs for over 5,000 students, these activities fall within the established "triad model" of the SRO's duties and do not impose any additional burdens on the participating school districts. The funding requested through Measure Z is sufficient to maintain the full scope of the program, ensuring it remains an effective, independent, and reliable safety resource for the entire regional community.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

Yes, the project could still be implemented with a reduced funding amount, though it would necessitate a shift in fiscal responsibility that is less than ideal for the City's current budget. The absolute minimum funding required for the project to remain feasible is \$232,462, which represents a \$17,500 reduction from the original request of \$249,962.

To accommodate this reduction, the City of Fortuna would be forced to absorb \$12,500 in overhead and occupancy costs and \$5,000 in specialized training and travel expenses. While the scope of the SRO's work on the 15 regional campuses would remain the same, this reallocation of funds would create an additional financial hardship for the City. Incurring these costs internally, especially while the Department continues to manage significant staffing shortages, which strains the municipal resources required to support a program that serves a broad regional population of over 5,000 youth.

While the City is committed to ensuring this essential service remains fully functional for the Eel River Valley, full funding is requested to ensure the program's long-term sustainability. The requested amount allows the SRO to remain focused on the "triad" of school safety, conflict counseling, and mentorship without the risk of future service limitations caused by municipal budget fluctuations.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with 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)

Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

Eel River Valley School Resource Officer Position Prior Year Results FY 25-26.pdf

Program Budget

[Download the budget narrative](#), then upload using the button at right.

Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget - FY 2026-27 SRO.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

Upload Staffing Report Attachment

Measure Z Staffing Report SRO 25-26 FY.xlsx

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

Upload Letters of Support

No file chosen

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*

2/23/2026

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Signature*

Matt Eberhardt, Chief of Police

Type Approving Official's Name

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Eel River Valley School Resource Officer Position Summary of Prior Year (FY 25/26 Year-to-Date)

The Fortuna Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) program is currently eight months into the 2025-2026 fiscal year, maintaining its status as a prioritized essential service for the Eel River Valley. Serving a student population of over 5,000 youth across approximately 15 campuses, the SRO provides a specialized services, law enforcement, mentorship, and counseling that standard patrol units cannot replicate. Despite industry-wide staffing shortages, the Department has remained steadfast in its commitment to this role, ensuring that students in Fortuna, Ferndale, Rio Dell, Loleta, Scotia, and Hydesville have consistent access to a dedicated safety and mentorship resource.

During the first quarter of this year, the SRO focused on building foundational relationships as schools transitioned from summer programs to the start of the academic year. These efforts included hosting department tours, participating in school bike rodeos, and engaging in high-visibility community events to humanize the badge for the region's youth. On the educational front, the SRO recruited new participants for the Police Explorer program and provided guest lectures and ride-alongs for the High School Administration of Justice class. In addition to these proactive mentorship roles, the SRO provided essential safety oversight for large-scale school events like Homecoming and managed a rigorous investigative caseload ranging from juvenile delinquency to sensitive sex crimes.

The second quarter saw an expansion into technical safety training and regional humanitarian outreach. The SRO collaborated with high school administration to lead critical mass casualty and active shooter response training for staff, ensuring a high standard of campus preparedness. Beyond campus safety, the SRO represented the region in the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) to address truancy and participated in the "Shop with a Cop" event. Furthermore, the SRO helped create the "Christmas with a Cop" program, which secured donations to provide six local families with gifts and essential supplies. Whether coaching JV football in his off-time or assisting school staff with complex conflict counseling regarding bullying and social issues, the SRO remains an indispensable asset to the stability and well-being of the entire Eel River Valley community.

As we progress into the third quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Fortuna Police Department remains fully committed to delivering these high-impact services across the Eel River Valley. The SRO continues to provide a daily presence on our campuses, ensuring that the momentum built during the first half of the year translates into long-term safety and stability for our student population. This current quarter is focused on sustaining our proactive counseling efforts and maintaining the vital trust established with students, staff, and families in Fortuna, Ferndale, Rio Dell, Loleta, Scotia, and Hydesville. By securing continued Measure Z funding, we can ensure that this essential regional resource transitions seamlessly into the next year, protecting the well-being of over 5,000 youth without the risk of service interruptions or reductions in our geographic reach.

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Fortuna Police Department	Address: PO Box 545 Fortuna, CA 95540
Coordinator/Contact: Matt Eberhardt	Phone:

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title: School Resource Officer				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	125,876.00			125,876.00
Benefits	101,586.00			101,586.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	125,876.00	0.00	0.00	125,876.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	101,586.00	0.00	0.00	101,586.00
Total Personnel:	227,462.00	0.00	0.00	227,462.00
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title: School Resource Officer				
Description: Administrative Expenses	12,500.00			
Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:				
	12,500.00	0	0	12500
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: Equipment				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>				
	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Supplies				
Description: Fuel, general office supplies, Flyers, Stickers, Etc.	5,000.00			
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>				
	5,000.00	0	0	5000
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or				
Description: contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>				
	0.00	0	0	0
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:				
	5,000.00	0	0	5000
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel				
Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel				
Description: POST Training and Travel	5,000.00			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:				
	5,000.00	0	0	5000
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title:				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:				
	0	0	0	0

Totals	249,962.00	0.00	0.00	249,962.00
Requested Budget		Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45126

Date Submitted: 2/24/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Boys & Girls of the Redwoods, Humboldt County Teen Court

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City*

Eureka

Zip*

95503

Contact Person*

Raven Majors

Title*

Humboldt County Teen Court Director

Phone Number*

707-617-8160

Email*

hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org

Project Title*

Accountability through Connection: Teen Court Diversion Program

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

20,000

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
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Salaries (wages)

Salaries Amount*

14,942

Salaries %*

75

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

2,988

Benefits %*

15

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

1,246

Overhead/Occupancy %*

6

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

650

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

3

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

174

Transportation/Travel %*

1

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

20,000

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

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.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

Humboldt County Teen Court is a youth-centered restorative justice program serving youth ages 11-18 across Humboldt County. As a program of the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, Teen Court provides supportive alternatives to traditional disciplinary actions and legal responses by focusing on accountability, harm reduction, and connection. Teen Court is founded on the belief that youth learn best from their peers. Our program gives youth opportunities to reflect on their choices, repair harms, build vital life skills, and strengthen the relationships within their families and greater communities.

Teen Court functions as a structured juvenile diversion model for youth referred by schools, law enforcement, probation, and community partners for low- to moderate-level offenses. Participation in Teen Court temporarily places a pause on further legal or school-based consequences while youth complete a formal intake process, structured court hearing, restorative assignment plan, and a two-month monitored completion period with required weekly check-ins. This model ensures accountability while reducing repeat offenses, decreasing juvenile court caseloads, and preserving law enforcement and probation resources for higher-risk offenses. Teen Court strengthens public safety by intervening early, before youth escalate into the justice system.

Measure Z funding will sustain our services in the community for another year, while long-term sustainable funding is secured. Structured diversion work, such as Teen Court, reduces demand on police, probation, and courts, allowing public safety agencies to focus on more serious matters. Without Teen Court services, youth would return to the traditional punitive pathways that increase system strain and the long-term public costs that go along with that. Obtaining Measure Z funds will ensure that Humboldt County maintains one of its only formal, youth-led accountability options and preserves a proven public safety strategy.

5. 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?*

Humboldt County Teen Court directly aligns with the intent of Measure Z by strengthening and preserving essential public safety services through early intervention and structured accountability. Teen Court provides a formal diversion process that temporarily pauses further legal consequences while youth complete a supervised court hearing and a monitored restorative plan. By intervening at the earliest stage of system involvement, Teen Court reduces the likelihood that youth will escalate deeper into justice system contact, protecting the limited law enforcement, probation, and court resources available.

The program maintains public safety by holding youth accountable in a structured way, while reducing repeat offenses. Each successfully completed diversion case represents one fewer youth returning to court, probation, or law enforcement for further intervention. This allows public safety agencies to focus their time, personnel, and funding on higher-risk and emergency matters. Without Teen Court, these cases would remain within the traditional system, increasing strain on an already limited county system and driving up long-term public costs.

By sustaining Teen Court operations, Measure Z funding supports a proven preventative public safety strategy that preserves essential services, reduces downstream system demand, and strengthens community stability.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

Humboldt County Teen Court provides services countywide, serving youth ages 11-18 throughout Humboldt County. Youth are referred by schools, law enforcement, probation, and community partners for low-to moderate-level offenses, with a particular focus on system-impacted youth and minority populations whenever possible. The program ensures equitable access to a structured accountability option that supports early intervention and reduces further justice system involvement across the county.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

Teen Court operates as a program of the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, providing access to established fiscal oversight, grant development guidance, and administrative support that strengthen and ensure our long-term stability. Over the last year, we have prioritized diversifying funding streams through a combination of foundation grants, local fundraising efforts, and strategic public funding opportunities aligned with juvenile diversion.

Our current sustainability efforts include pursuing private foundation funding, strengthening relationships with local donors and businesses, and increasing community-based fundraising initiatives. Teen Court is also actively identifying state and federal grant opportunities related to juvenile justice diversion, youth violence prevention, and early intervention programming. Internally, we maintain structured financial oversight and measurable outcomes to remain competitive for diversified funding sources.

Measure Z funding is being requested as a one-year stabilization investment while long-term funding is secured. The goal is not ongoing reliance but preservation of a critical public safety diversion program during a transitional funding period. By maintaining operations, Teen Court strengthens its ability to secure sustainable funding and reduce future reliance on county resources.

8. 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?*

Teen Court is currently funded through a combination of public grants and private contributions. Primary funding sources include a Probation grant, which supported the expansion of services and the opening of a satellite office in Fortuna; a grant through the Arcata Police Department (APD); private donor contributions; and funding from the County of Humboldt Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). The DHHS grant is renewed annually and supports a portion of court-related operation costs. The Probation and APD grants are both scheduled to end this year, creating a funding gap for core diversion staffing and operations. Measure Z funds are being requested to stabilize this gap while sustainable, long-term funding sources are secured.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

If awarded Measure Z funds, Teen Court will leverage this investment as both stabilization and validation of County-level support for structured juvenile diversion. County funding strengthens our competitiveness for state and federal grants by demonstrating local government partnership and community investment. Many grant opportunities require evidence of local support. Measure Z support would strengthen these applications significantly.

Stabilizing operations with Measure Z will allow Teen Court to maintain consistent services and documented outcomes during this funding transition. Continuity of services ensures we can present current and accurate data when pursuing additional grants and donations, allowing Measure Z funds to serve as a catalyst for wider community investment, rather than long-term reliance on the funds.

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. *

No new or expanded programming will be required.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

Yes

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

The primary recurring expense associated with this application is personnel costs required to operate the Teen Court program. Approximately 75% of the proposed budget supports staffing responsible for case management, court operations, volunteer supervision, documentation, and compliance reporting. Structured juvenile diversion is labor-intensive and requires consistent oversight to ensure accountability and safety.

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.*

Yes. The Teen Court program could continue operating at a reduced capacity if awarded less than the full amount requested. The minimum funding required to maintain the Teen Court program would be approximately \$15,000, which would allow us to preserve essential staffing necessary for case management and court operations.

If funded below the full request, Teen Court would need to reduce the number of cases accepted, adjust staff hours, and prioritize referrals from law enforcement and probation. While the program would remain operational, reduced funding would directly limit the number of youth served. Partial funding would preserve core services at a reduced scale.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with your application.

Prior Year Results

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Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

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Program Budget

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Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget - FY 2026-2027.xlsx

Staffing Report

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Upload Letters of Support

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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*

2/24/2026

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Signature*

Raven Majors

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Agency Name: Humboldt County Teen Court	Address: 95503
Coordinator/Contact: Raven Majors, Director	Phone: 707-617-8160

Descriptions	Budget	Quarter	Quarter Costs	Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: Program Director Salary \$24.82*8hrs week @52 weeks	10,326.00			10,326.00
Benefits 20% Fica/Pension/Vacation/Insurance Duties Description: Oversight of Program, Volunteer Management, Networking, etc	2,065.00			2,065.00
Title: Program Coordinator Salary \$17.75*5hrs week @52weeks	4,616.00			4,616.00
Benefits 20% Fica/Pension/Vacation/Insurance Duties Description: Case Management, Court details, Mentoring, etc	923.00			923.00
Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits Duties Description:				0.00
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	14,942.00	0.00	0.00	14,942.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	2,988.00	0.00	0.00	2,988.00
Total Personnel:	17,930.00	0.00	0.00	17,930.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Utilities Description: Phone & Security	476.00			
Title: Insurance Description: Liability Insurance	770.00			
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	1,246.00	0	0	1,246.00

C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment (Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to . Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)				
Title: Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0.00
Title: Supplies Description: Toner/Paper/Postage	300.00			
Title: Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	300.00	0	0	300.00
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs Description: Software Donor & Member tracking/Website	350.00			
Title: Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	350.00	0	0	350.00
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	650.00	0	0	650.00

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

Title: Local Travel Description: 240 miles @ .725 Attendance Counsel / Mentoring	174.00			
Title: Out of County Travel Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	174.00	0	0	174.00

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0.00	0	0	0.00

Totals	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
	Budget	Quarter	Costs	Balance

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45140

Date Submitted: 2/24/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

County of Humboldt - Dept of Aviation

Mailing Address*

3561 Boeing Ave

City*

McKinleyville

Zip*

95519

Contact Person*

Justin Hopman

Title*

Director of Aviation

Phone Number*

7078395401

Email*

jhopman@co.humboldt.ca.us

Project Title*

ARFF Truck Replacement Local Match

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

68827.00

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

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SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

0

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

0

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

68827.00

Fixed Assets %*

100

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

68827.00

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

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

The California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport has been awarded a grant by the Federal Aviation Administration to replace the current Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck, also known as an ARFF truck. The current ARFF truck is at the end of its useful lifespan. The total cost to replace the current fire apparatus is \$1,257,690.00 with \$68,827 designated as the local match or airports responsibility. The fire apparatus is currently ordered from the manufacturer with an expected delivery at the end of this calendar year.

5. 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?*

Currently, the Department of Aviation is tasked with providing primary airport crash fire rescue services for the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport. This service is essential for the safety of the traveling public. Over the past several years, the airport has added more and more flights to ACV, which increases the probability of an accident. The current ARFF truck is aging out and is due for replacement. The new truck will not only be more reliable, which will help us be continuously ready to respond to an event, but also have a new, more environmentally friendly foam system. The current system relies on foam made with PFAS also known as 'forever chemicals' to put out an aircraft fire. The new foam system will utilize fluorine-free foam which is effective for knocking down gasoline and Jet-A fires and is less dangerous to the environment.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

This new ARFF truck will only be used at the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport as required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

This capital purchase is primarily funded by a grant through the Federal Aviation Administration, with a small portion, the amount we are asking for with Measure Z, being the responsibility of the Airport.

8. 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?*

N/A

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

Our \$68,827 request is leveraged to purchase a \$1,257,690.00 piece of equipment!

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. *

N/A

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

Yes, ideally the full \$68,827.00 would make a huge difference to the Airports budget, but if we received a lessor amount, the project would still continue.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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Prior Year Results

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Program Budget

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Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget Template - FY 2025-26 ACV Airport.xlsx

Staffing Report

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Letters of Support

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Date*

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Signature*

Justin Hopman

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Dept of Aviation - County of Humboldt	Address: 3561 Bo
Coordinator/Contact: Justin Hopman	Phone: 7078395401

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	0.00	0	0	0

C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment (Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to . Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	0.00	0	0	0

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

Title: Local Travel Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Oshkosh Striker ARFF Truck Description: Replacement fire truck for ACV Airport				
	68,827.00			
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	68827	0	0	68827

Totals	68,827.00	0.00	0.00	68,827.00
Requested Budget		Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45150

Date Submitted: 2/24/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department

Mailing Address*

PO Box 1341

City*

Hoopa

Zip*

95546

Contact Person*

James McCovey

Title*

Chief of Police

Phone Number*

5307843380

Email*

policechief@hoopa-nsn.gov

Project Title*

Highway Safety Initiative

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

84,506.63

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

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SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
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Salaries (wages)		
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Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

16,275

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

19.26

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

68,231.63

Fixed Assets %*

80.74

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

84506.63

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

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

The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department (HVTPD) seeks funding for a patrol vehicle to launch a Highway Safety Initiative. Highway 96 runs through the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation and is essential for transportation, trade, and economic growth. However, rising traffic volume, speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, and poor infrastructure contribute to a high number of accidents. In 2025, there were 80 vehicle accidents alone in the Hoopa Valley. This Highway Safety Initiative aims to reduce traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities along Highway 96. Through traffic enforcement, we seek to create a safer travel environment for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Funding from the Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee will enable us to implement changes efficiently and with measurable impact.

5. 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?*

This project aims to reduce traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities along Highway 96 through enhanced traffic enforcement. This includes increasing patrol presence in high-risk areas, especially during peak traffic times and overnight hours, and implementing targeted enforcement campaigns for specific violations, including speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving. Although we share jurisdiction with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and CHP, those agencies have minimal presence, leaving us to enforce and police the Hoopa Valley and surrounding areas.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department's primary coverage area is a twelve-by-twelve-mile square that includes Highway 96, multiple county public roads, and woodland areas. We also cover the surrounding areas of Willow Creek, Orleans, and Weitchpec. Our officers are cross-deputized with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and can respond to any area of Humboldt County upon request. We serve a population of over 3,000 residents in the Hoopa Valley, along with thousands more in the surrounding areas.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

Start-up and early implementation costs will be supported through this funding request. Moving forward, we plan to sustain the program through a diversified funding strategy that includes government programs such as the BIA Indian Highway Safety Program, community fundraising to provide education on highway safety, revenue from traffic citations, and unspent funds from our law enforcement budget and asset forfeiture funds (money/property seized from criminal activity).

8. 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?*

At this time, HVTPD does not have a Highway Safety program. This proposal introduces the Highway Safety Initiative as a new program.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

A data-driven plan is a prerequisite for larger implementation grants to partners, as the initiative is a high-priority, ready-for-investment initiative. Documenting measurable outcomes through data collection and success stories can strengthen grant applications and funding proposals. With Measure Z's involvement in the Tribal community, the partnership with Humboldt County will be strengthened, demonstrating care for the well-being and safety of the Tribal community. With this partnership and support, we will have a tremendous impact on the community and on support for the Highway Safety Initiative.

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. *

This proposal would increase the number of citations issued in tribal or state courts. HVTPD currently works closely with the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court and doesn't anticipate any issues with an increase in traffic citations. If we respond to areas outside the Hoopa Reservation, our Cross-Deputized office can enforce state law under our MOU with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

The requested amount covers the purchase of a patrol vehicle and the equipment upfit. If the amount is less than requested, we would have to look for alternatives and would not be able to purchase the vehicle or equip it properly to perform traffic stops and other patrol functions.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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Program Budget

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Measure Z Proposed Budget.pdf

Staffing Report

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Date*

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James McCovey

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Hoopa Valley Tribal Police	Address: PO Box 1341 Hoopa, CA 95546
Coordinator/Contact: James McCovey	Phone: 5307843380

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				

Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
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C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment Description: Vehicle Upfit (prisoner partition, Lights and Siren w/ associated hardware, Gun Rack ect.)	16,275.00		16275	
Title: Description:				

<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	16,275.00	0	16275	0
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Title: Supplies (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)				
Title: Description:				

<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
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Title: Services/Other Operational Costs (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or				
Title: Description:				

<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
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Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	16,275.00	0	16275	0
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D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)

Title: Local Travel Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				

Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
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E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Vehicle Description: 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe	68,231.63		68231.63	
Title: Description:				

Total Fixed Asset Costs:	68231.63	0	68231.63	0
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Totals	84,506.63	0.00	84,506.63	0.00
Requested Budget		Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance



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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45151

Date Submitted: 2/24/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mailing Address*

736 F St

City*

Arcata

Zip*

95521

Contact Person*

CHRIS ORTEGA

Title*

CHIEF OF POLICE

Phone Number*

7078222428

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CORTEGA@ARCATAPD.ORG

Project Title*

JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

198941

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

92191

Salaries %*

46.35

Benefits**Benefits Amount***

80801

Benefits %*

40.65

Overhead and Occupancy(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)**Overhead/Occupancy Amount***

13913

Overhead/Occupancy %*

6.95

Equipment/Supplies/Services**Equip./Services/Supplies Amount***

12036

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

6.05

Transportation/Travel**Transportation/Travel Amount***

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets**Fixed Assets Amount***

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL**Total Amount of Application***

198941

TOTAL 100%**2. ENTITY TYPE***

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

Yes

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.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

The City of Arcata, in collaboration with the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, local elementary school districts, and juvenile justice partners, seeks the reinstatement of Measure Z funding for one Juvenile Diversion Counselor (JDC) to serve K–12 students and families in the 3rd Supervisorial District and the western portion of the 5th Supervisorial District (west of Berry Summit).

This position will expand the reach and effectiveness of the Juvenile Diversion Program by increasing support for Juvenile Probation through the delivery of restorative practices, community resilience initiatives, and Parent Project training for partner agency staff. With juvenile detention centers across California closing in 2023, it is critical that local agencies implement proactive, community-based strategies to effectively meet the needs of at-risk youth and families.

Juvenile Diversion Counselor is based at Arcata High School and works collaboratively with school personnel, the Arcata Police Department (APD), the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), and Probation. The JDC identifies and serves at-risk students and families as early as first and second grade, providing early intervention before behaviors escalate.

The purpose of the Juvenile Diversion Counselor position is threefold:

1. To reduce juvenile crime and other antisocial behaviors in the North County through early identification, intervention, and prevention.
2. To divert youth away from formal probation involvement and the juvenile justice system whenever appropriate.
3. To partner with schools to support struggling students and families, promote school attendance, prevent truancy, and keep youth engaged in their education and out of the juvenile justice system.

5. 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?*

The project's goals are to:

- a. Significantly reduce the amount of juvenile crime in the service area,
- b. Significantly reduce the number of high school students who drop out and/or go to continuation high schools over a five-year period.
- c. Diverting youths from the criminal justice system by addressing behavior early and connecting families with resources, this model supports safer outcomes for youth, relieves juvenile probation and our local juvenile detention center from additional caseload and provides for long-term community safety.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

This project will serve K-12 students and families in the 3rd Supervisorial District and the western portion of the 5th Supervisorial District.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The City is currently able to fund one of the two positions, through use of Measure H revenue, which was approved by the city voters in November of 2024. In prior years, two JDC positions were funded from Measure Z and services were extended beyond the City of Arcata boundaries into the unincorporated county. At this time, City funding is only available for one of the two positions. The City is seeking funding through Humboldt Diversion Services and the US Dept. of Justice's SRO and School Safety grant programs. Juvenile Diversion was recently awarded a Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Title II grant to help fund the Parent Project and make these vital classes more available to our community. The City continues to seek any available funding to continue the important program and potentially reinstate the second position.

8. 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 request is to reinstate funding for JDC, the reduced program is currently funded by the City of Arcata.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

The JDP serves as a pilot for the other local schools. The benefit of keeping students in schools, on track for graduation and out of the alternative education or the juvenile justice system is potentially enormous. Students who attend and graduate from the comprehensive high schools are far less likely to commit crimes and become involved with the juvenile justice system. This model will make the consortium more likely to receive funding through the US Dept. of Justice's SRO and School Safety grant programs.

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. *

No, the Arcata Police Department has been operating the program successfully and is not dependent on another entity.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

Yes

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

Salary, benefits, administrative costs, supplies and materials.

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.*

The City is currently funding one JDC position.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with your application.

Prior Year Results

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Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

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Program Budget

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Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget 26-27 APD.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

Upload Staffing Report Attachment

Choose File No file chosen

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

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Choose File No file chosen

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*

2/24/2026

04:30 PM

Signature*

Leah Brazil

Type Approving Official's Name

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Arcata Police Department	Address: 736 F St Arcata, CA 95521
Coordinator/Contact: Leah Brazil	Phone: 707-822-2428

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: Juvenile Diversion Counselor Salary (separate from benefits cost)	92,191.00			92,191.00
Benefits	80,801.00			80,801.00
Duties Description:				
Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	92,191.00	0.00	0.00	92,191.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	80,801.00	0.00	0.00	80,801.00
Total Personnel:	172,992.00	0.00	0.00	172,992.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Administrative Description: Computer/IT, Phones, Utilities	13,913.00			
Title: Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	13,913.00	0	0	13913

C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)				
Title: Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Supplies Description: Food/Supplies/Incentives for hosting Parent Projectand Loving Solutions Classes.	12,036.00			
Title: Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	12,036.00	0	0	12036
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs Description: (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or				
Title: Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	12,036.00	0	0	12036

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

Title: Local Travel Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0

Totals	198,941.00	0.00	0.00	198,941.00
Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance	

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45176

Date Submitted: 2/25/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

North Coast Rape Crisis Team

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City*

Arcata

Zip*

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Contact Person*

Rebecca Belton

Title*

Project Specialist

Phone Number*

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Email*

rebecca@ncrct.org

Project Title*

Child Abuse Services Team Advocacy and Support Services

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

\$57,900

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

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SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

19008

Salaries %*

33

Benefits**Benefits Amount***

6592

Benefits %*

11

Overhead and Occupancy(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)**Overhead/Occupancy Amount***

6000

Overhead/Occupancy %*

10

Equipment/Supplies/Services**Equip./Services/Supplies Amount***

25000

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

43

Transportation/Travel**Transportation/Travel Amount***

1300

Transportation/Travel %*

3

Fixed Assets**Fixed Assets Amount***

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL**Total Amount of Application***

57,900

TOTAL 100%**2. ENTITY TYPE***

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

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.

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

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) seeks funding to sustain critical advocacy and mental health services for children and families impacted by sexual abuse. Support will fund the salary and benefits of a certified California Sexual Assault Counselor who attends Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) forensic interviews to provide immediate, trauma-informed emotional support to affected children and families after disclosures of sexual abuse are made.

In addition, funding will ensure crisis intervention, safety planning, and individualized advocacy are available to stabilize and heal families as they to navigate the criminal/legal systems, family and civil matters and access needed community resources. This includes mileage and transportation costs so families can fully participate in follow up interviews, court proceedings, and related appointments with an advocate to support them along the way. The proposal also helps cover essential operational expenses such as business insurance.

Finally, NCRCT seeks to provide limited direct financial assistance for rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and other basic needs to reduce instability and promote healing during a time of significant trauma.

5. 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?*

Our proposal aligns with Measure Z by strengthening public safety and enhancing essential services for survivors of child sexual abuse. When child survivors and their caregivers feel supported, they are more likely to report crimes and participate in the justice process; improving case outcomes and overall community safety. Our Advocates provide 24/7 trauma-informed crisis response, accompaniment services throughout the criminal justice process, and coordinates with law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office to help hold perpetrators accountable.

We are an active partner on the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), collaborating with law enforcement, child protective services, mental health professionals, and prosecutors to ensure a coordinated and child centered response. NCRCT is the only non-profit agency that specializes in the healing of sexualized violence in Humboldt County; we are an essential service. As the only non-profit partner of CAST, we represent the multidisciplinary approach, which reduces additional trauma to children, strengthens investigations, and promotes timely accountability.

Our program also connects children and families to critical mental health services following disclosure of abuse, including internal peer counseling provided by California State Certified Sexual Assault Counselors. Early access to trauma-informed counseling promotes healing, reduces long-term emotional and behavioral impacts, and helps stabilize families. By integrating crisis response, children's mental health services, and cross-system coordination, our proposal directly advances Measure Z's goal of maintaining and improving public safety while strengthening essential community services.

In addition, we provide targeted basic needs assistance to ensure families can achieve immediate safety and stability after disclosure of abuse. Financial disruption is common when a caregiver separates from an offender or misses work to protect their child. Support for rent, utilities, groceries, mattresses replacements, and other essentials help prevent homelessness, food insecurity, and unsafe living conditions. Meeting these basic needs reduces additional trauma to children, allows them to remain in stable environments, and enables caregivers to focus on their child's safety and participation in investigations and court proceedings. By stabilizing families at their most vulnerable moment, we remove barriers to justice, strengthen resilience, and reinforce overall community safety.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

NCRCT serves individuals and families impacted by sexual violence throughout all of Humboldt County. This project will specifically focus on supportive, non-offending family members and child survivors who are referred to the Child Abuse Services Team for a best-practice, recorded forensic interview. The program also serves survivors with developmental disabilities.

All law enforcement agencies within Humboldt County may refer families to this program once an initial report has been made. Many of the families served live in low-income households and face significant barriers to accessing services. The children involved have often experienced high levels of trauma through no fault of their own and require coordinated, trauma-informed support to promote safety, healing, and long-term stability.

NCRCT serves all of Humboldt County, and often provides transportation for survivors and families who live in the most isolated areas of the County. All forensic interviews are held at the Victim Witness Assistance Office, located in the Humboldt County Courthouse. Follow-up crisis intervention, advocacy and other supports are provided in a families home community and/or transportation is provided by the agency to ensure the lack of reliable public transportation is not a barrier to involvement in the criminal justice process.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

NCRCT is committed to participation in the CAST; Measure Z funds ensure a vertical process for families. By enabling NCRCT to focus a position on the needs of families, (rather than it being spread across the entire team), families can trauma-bond with their advocate, tell their truth one time and then continue to work with the same compassionate individual through their healing. Research has shown that Advocates are key to continued participation in the systems; this is especially true when they meet and work with the same person.

The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) partially funds this program each grant year. They have funded the Rape Crisis program for over 50 years; NCRCT has been the recipient of such funds for 43 years. With the current federal and state funding landscape, we have intentionally diversified revenue streams to strengthen long-term financial stability. We actively engage in state and national advocacy to address potential funding reductions, and historically, the State of California has backfilled critical gaps, giving us cautious optimism that essential services will continue to be supported. We seek local funds to ensure that even if cuts are made by the state or federal sources, these essential services will not be affected in Humboldt County.

In addition, we pursue competitive grants, foundation and corporate funding, and individual donations, while building strong partnerships with community stakeholders to broaden investment in victim services. Through strategic grant planning, fundraising, community engagement, and outcome tracking, NCRCT is committed to maintaining stable, long-term services for child survivors and their families, regardless of future Measure Z allocations.

8. 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 request represents a continuation of an existing and essential program. In 2023, NCRCT began attending all Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) interviews in which sexual violence may be disclosed in order to provide immediate, trauma-informed support to child survivors and their non-offending family members. This proactive presence ensures that families receive crisis intervention, advocacy, and connection to ongoing services at the earliest point of system involvement.

The program is currently funded through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula funds appropriated by Congress, along with supplemental funding through a state budget line item designed to offset reductions in federal VOCA allocations. However, VOCA funding levels have been unstable and threatened for several consecutive years due to fluctuations in the federal Crime Victims Fund. While NCRCT has worked closely with state and national advocacy partners to identify solutions and advocate for sustainable funding, and has successfully maintained full funding to date, the long-term stability of these funding sources remains uncertain.

Continued investment is critical to ensure uninterrupted services for child survivors and their families and to maintain NCRCT's consistent presence within the multidisciplinary response team.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

Since its founding 54 years ago, North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) has relied primarily on federal funding to sustain core services. Historically, federal sources provided a relatively stable and predictable foundation for victim advocacy programs. However, recent and ongoing fluctuations in federal funding have required NCRCT to shift its funding strategy and actively pursue diversified and locally grounded revenue streams.

Measure Z funding would serve as a critical local investment and a powerful leveraging tool. Measure Z demonstrates community commitment to essential safety and victim service infrastructure. Securing Measure Z support would help us demonstrate to external funders that Humboldt County prioritizes trauma-informed services for survivors of sexual violence while increasing our credibility when approaching regional foundations, corporate donors, and individual community supporters.

Local investment signals sustainability. When funders see that a community is financially committed to a program, they are more likely to contribute additional resources. Measure Z funding would not replace federal or state dollars; rather, it would position NCRCT to draw down additional outside funding, maximize grant opportunities, and ensure uninterrupted services for survivors and their families. Measure Z support would demonstrate that NCRCT is a vital part of Humboldt County's public safety and child protection infrastructure, and that the community stands behind the survivors we serve.

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. *

No

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

The primary recurring costs include personnel wages, benefits, and business-related insurance. These expenses are essential to maintain qualified staff, provide consistent services to survivors, and ensure the ongoing operation and sustainability of the program.

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.*

Yes. The project could still be implemented at a reduced level if awarded a minimum of \$25,900, which would cover essential personnel wages and benefits necessary to sustain the program. Personnel are the backbone of our services; without trained Advocates to provide crisis response and accompany child survivors and their families through the justice process, the program could not function effectively.

While other funding sources have been challenging to secure specifically for staff salaries, we have successfully engaged local partners to provide limited financial assistance for survivors' basic needs. This ensures that even at a reduced funding level, families continue to receive critical stabilization support while participating in investigations and court proceedings.

Some program activities or overall capacity may be limited without full funding, such as the number of children served or the availability of emergency financial assistance. However, our trauma-informed advocacy and accompaniment for child survivors of sexual abuse would remain fully operational; ensuring that the most essential safety and support needs of survivors and their families continue to be met.

This approach allows the program to remain functional and responsive even under constrained funding, while positioning us to expand services again as additional resources become available.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with your application.

Prior Year Results

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Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

No file chosen

Program Budget

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Staffing Report

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Measure Z Staffing Report NCRCT.xlsx

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

Upload Letters of Support

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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*

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: North Coast Rape Crisis Team	Address: 425 I Street Arcata, CA 95521
Coordinator/Contact: Rebecca Belton	Phone: 707-443-2737

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title: Program Specialist				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	19,008.00	0.00	0.00	19,008.00
Benefits	6,592.00			6,592.00
Provide Accompaniment services to CAST families as well as follow up services, including crisis interventions, peer counseling, and further advocacy and accompaniment				
Duties Description: needs.				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	19,008.00	0.00	0.00	19,008.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	6,592.00	0.00	0.00	6,592.00
Total Personnel:	25,600.00	0.00	0.00	25,600.00
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title: Insurance				
Description: Business Insurance to work with clients	6,000.00	0	0	
Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	6,000.00	0	0	6000
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: Equipment				
(Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to .				
Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)	0.00	0	0	
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Title: Supplies				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under				
Description: \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)	0.00	0	0	
Title:				
Description:	0.00	0	0	
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or				
Description: contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or	0.00	0	0	
Title: Basic Needs Assistance				
Emergency Assistance to families for stabilization, such as				
Description: hotels, utility payments, food, etc.	25,000.00	0	0	
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	<i>25,000.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>25000</i>
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	25,000.00	0	0	25000
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel				
Transportation of family and/or advocate to criminal justice				
Description: related meetings	1,300.00	0	0	
Title: Out of County Travel				
Describe out of county travel and connection to your project	0.00	0	0	
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	1,300.00	0	0	1300
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title:				
Description:		0	0	
Title:				
Description:		0	0	
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: North Coast Rape Crisis Team	Address: 425 I Street Arcata, CA 95521
Coordinator/Contact: Rebecca Belton	Phone: 707-443-2737

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance	
	Totals	57,900.00	0.00	0.00	57,900.00
	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance	



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District Attorney

February 20, 2026

Citizens' Advisory Committee, Measure Z

Humboldt County

Re: Letter of Support for North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the North Coast Rape Crisis Team and their request for funding assistance under Measure Z.

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) Advocates work collaboratively with District Attorney Victim Witness Advocates and all members of the Child Abuse Services Team to help families and children following a disclosure of child sexual abuse. Emotional support and availability of long-term care and services to aid in the healing process are key components to services provided by the NCRCT.

Working side by side with the DA Victim Witness Advocates, NCRCT Advocates join victims in court, provide case updates and emotional support through often long and complicated criminal justice processes. The services help keep victims engaged in the criminal justice process, leading to accountability for those who cause harm in Humboldt County.

Measure Z funds would support continued collaboration between the District Attorney's Office and NCRCT thereby ensuring the most vulnerable child sexual assault survivors are provided with healing services from a compassionate team with their well-being at heart.

Our ongoing partnership with the North Coast Rape Crisis Team is greatly valued, as is their leadership, collaboration, and commitment to community health in Humboldt County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacey Eads
District Attorney

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45180

Date Submitted: 2/25/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

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95570

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Title*

Interim City Manager

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Project Title*

City of Trinidad - Water System Critical Equipment Replacements

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

17,000

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

17,000

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

100

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

17,000

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

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.

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

The City is seeking Measure Z funding to assist in the replacement of critical infrastructure within our water treatment plant that are at the end of their useful life. If critical infrastructure fails, the City would be unable to produce safe drinking water and water for firefighting capacity. Two critical items that need replacement are one 6" submersible wet well pump and one intermediate pump. If these two critical pieces of infrastructure fail, we will be unable to provide clean safe drinking water or provide water for firefighting capacity to both the City of Trinidad, and Westhaven, the neighboring community to the south. The 6" submersible wet well pump we are requesting funding for is responsible for pulling water out the City's water source, Luffenholtz Creek, and into the water plant's flocculator to be treated. The City currently has two, one new and the other at the end of its life. This piece of infrastructure is an essential part of the water treatment plant, and if one of the pumps fails, the City would be solely relying on one pump. Operating with only one pump, runs the risk of overworking the present new pump. If the new pump fails, the City would be unable to pull any water out of the creek. The City presently faces the same situation with the intermediate pump. The intermediate pump sets the stage for getting the water into the City's distribution system. An intermediate pump specifically pulls the treated water out of the flocculator, into the filters, and into the distribution system to serve our water customers. If this pump fails, we cannot pump any water into the distribution system. Thereby, putting the City in the same situation of not being able to produce safe drinking water, or providing water for firefighting.

5. 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?*

The City is applying for Measure Z funds, as it is seeking additional resources that will assist in maintaining and improving the essential service of providing safe and reliable drinking water to our water customers, and water for firefighting capacity to both the City and Westhaven. The City of Trinidad is continuing to feel the impact that comes along with aging infrastructure at our water plant, and aging pipeline throughout our district. Being a small jurisdiction, with limited resources, the City heavily relies on grant funding to make improvements at the water treatment plant and our distribution system, such as our recent completion of a new water storage tank and upgrades to portions of our water distribution system, funded by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). However, aside from the Measure Z funding received last fiscal year, the City has not been successful in securing funding for replacing water plant equipment at the end of their useful life, which has a high consequence of failure, i.e. critical to producing water. During the winter of fiscal year 24-25, we experienced aged pipes rusting and breaking; damaging the inside our water plant, which led to electrical power surges as additional equipment was compromised. In 2026, we started off the new year with a broken pipe along Scenic Drive that led to a complete loss of all water within our water storage tanks. This all occurred during a storm event, and due to the quality of our source water, and high turbidity, we were unable to treat our water. Due to the inability to perform treatment, the City was forced to truck in water. The City has actively explored ways to improve our water system, but improvements continue to be funding dependent. Continued pipe failure, and the inability to replace other aging water plant infrastructure such as pumps and turbidimeters, can cause interruptions in water delivery and jeopardize the ability to provide safe and reliable drinking water to our customers. As we recently experienced. Not only would it jeopardize our ability to provide safe and reliable drinking water, we would also be unable to provide an adequate water supply to fight fires in the event of one. We recently finished construction of an intertie with Westhaven, funded by DWR, but even if the intertie had been operational, the intertie alone could not have supported the water demand of the City for the period of time it was required during the loss of our entire water supply. If awarded Measure Z funding, the City would immediately improve public safety by improving reliability in delivering safe drinking water, along with immediately improving public safety by increasing our fire resiliency.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

The geographic areas/populations that will be served with the Measure Z funding we are requesting are the City of Trinidad, Trinidad Rancheria, and a part of the community that reside within unincorporated Westhaven (County). These locations are all within the City's sphere of influence.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The City continues to execute its developed plan to create sustainable and diversified funding sources. Based on the City's recent water rate study, the City has begun increasing the water rates and developed a capital improvement plan. The City also decreased its costs by finding an alternative Chief Plant Operator (CPO) and supported (and continues to support) current staff during their certification process. At this time, we have one operator that has received their T3 and D2 certification status and has nearly completed the required 1800 hours of training under another T3 operator to become fully certified to run our T3 Water Treatment Plant. We also have two employees that have successfully received their T2 certification. When the City lost its Chief Plant Operator during COVID, the contracted certificated T3, hired by the City, had been extremely costly and resulted in heavy losses to the City's Water Fund for three years, reducing the Water Reserves to zero, but by moving away from a CPO that was a financial drain, the City has begun to move in the right direction. The City is optimistic that through our newly implemented water rates, and in-house staff, we will reduce or eliminate losses to the water system operating budget. The City has been focused on rebuilding our Water Fund Operations and Maintenance Reserves, Emergency Reserves, and Capital Reserves, which we acknowledge takes time. Once the City accomplishes heavily reducing our losses to the operating budget, we no longer would require future Measure Z funds.

8. 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 is not a request for the continuation or expansion of an existing program/service.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

If the City is awarded Measure Z funds, giving the City the opportunity to update our infrastructure, we will be able to continue to build our capital reserves, and improve the water system's eligibility and competitiveness in securing new grant funding for water system improvements. Many grants take into consideration the water system's finances and ability to maintain operations, and the funds awarded by Measure Z will allow us to replace aging infrastructure and continue to focus on rebuilding reserves that were depleted. This will allow the City to be more competitive in the application process for future grant 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. *

No, the proposal will not require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

Yes, but we would require a minimum of \$6,000.00 in funding, resulting in the outcome of only purchasing one of two pieces of equipment.

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Program Budget

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Letters of Support

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No file chosen

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*

2/25/2026

05:15 AM

Signature*

Gabriel Adams

Type Approving Official's Name

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name:	City of Trinidad	Address:	409 Trinity St./PO Box 390 Trinidad, CA 95570
Coordinator/Contact:	Gabriel Adams	Phone:	707.677.0223

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title: _____ Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description: _____				
Title: _____ Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description: _____				
Title: _____ Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description: _____				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title: _____ Description: _____				
Title: _____ Description: _____				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: 6" Submersible Wet well Pump <u>Essential equipment:</u> Wet well pumps are responsible for pulling water out of the City's source water and into the City's flocculator to be treated. The wet well pump is an essential part of the City's water treatment plant. Description: Equipment is at the end of its useful life.	6,000.00			
Title: Intermediate Pump <u>Essential equipment:</u> Intermediate pumps are responsible for pulling treated water out of the flocculator, into the City's filters, and into our distribution system. The intermediate pump is an essential part of the treatment plant. Equipment is at the end of its useful life.	11,000.00			
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	17,000.00	0	0	17000
Title: Supplies (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under Description: \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)				
Title: _____ Description: _____				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or contracted Description: services, or other expenses that are not equipment or supplies)				
Title: _____ Description: _____				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
otal Equipment/Supplies/Services:	17,000.00	0	0	17000
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your projec				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title: _____ Description: _____				

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Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0
Totals	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00

Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
Totals	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45188

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Humboldt County Drug Task Force

Mailing Address*

PO Box 5338

City*

Eureka

Zip*

95502

Contact Person*

Chelsea Lende

Title*

Crime Analyst

Phone Number*

707-267-9976

Email*

clende@co.humboldt.ca.us

Project Title*

Humboldt County Drug Task Force Operational Support

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

\$80,872.00

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

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SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

\$0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

\$0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

\$24,872.00

Overhead/Occupancy %*

26

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

\$56,000.00

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

74

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

\$80,872.00

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

Humboldt County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

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.

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

REQUEST:

The Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF) Executive Board is requesting that Measure Z provide funding related to the county expenses that are necessary to keep HCDF functioning. These county expenses are related to the County Cost Plan, Internal Services Fund, and the professional services for property/evidence processing and storage. For FY2026-2027, the cost plan and ISF charges are \$24,872.00. The Professional Services for property/evidence processing and storage are \$56,000.00 for a total request of \$80,872.00.

BACKGROUND:

The HCDF is the primary narcotic enforcement unit in the county and is comprised of personnel from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, the Eureka Police Department, the Arcata Police Department, and the Fortuna Police Department. The HCDF was originally established in 1983 in collaboration with the California Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) in response to the country wide drug epidemic. With legislative changes, BNE removed themselves and in May of 2013, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the HCDF as we know it today.

The mission of the HCDF is to actively investigate the sales, manufacturing, and distribution of illicit drugs within Humboldt County by focusing investigative efforts on complex drug trafficking organizations and mid to high-level drug traffickers. Recently, the HCDF has focused on Fentanyl as the deadly drug continues to fuel the overdose epidemic within our communities. The following goals and objectives were established to maximize the effectiveness of the Task Force and maintain a high level of standard and quality of the HCDF program. They include the following areas of concentration:

1. Initiate investigations involving all levels of drug dealers with the overall objective of identifying and apprehending major traffickers
2. Assist requesting agencies on specific problems within their respective jurisdictions as needed such as smaller level drug sales/problem houses upon request.
3. Provide training to participating law enforcement agencies in the area of narcotics enforcement
4. Identify current narcotic trends to aid in disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations

Operating under a memorandum of understanding signed by the HCDF governing board and approved by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, the participating law enforcement agencies that comprise HCDF provide the following resources: Humboldt County Sheriff's Office provides one lieutenant, one sergeant, one sheriff's deputy, three undercover vehicles, standard complement of investigative and safety equipment, and miscellaneous administrative support. The Humboldt County DA's Office provides one investigator, one crime analyst, miscellaneous legal support, one undercover vehicle, and standard complement of investigative and safety equipment. The Fortuna, Eureka and Arcata Police Departments provide one police officer, one undercover vehicle, standard complement of investigative and safety equipment.

All the above resources are paid for by the participating agency from their respective agency's budget. HCDF pays for all operating expenses including its facilities, telephones, office supplies, equipment, specialized training, evidence processing, and Humboldt County cost plan and ISF overhead costs from a trust comprised of state and federal asset forfeiture funds. The average annual expense budget for the HCDF operating expenses is \$200,000.00. In the past, the asset forfeiture seizures have covered the operating expenses for HCDF. However, we have seen a rapid decline in asset forfeiture which causes concerns about funding into the future.

5. 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?*

The Measure Z resolution stresses the need for funding to combat hard drugs and narcotics like methamphetamine in Humboldt County, and more funds are needed to fight drug-related crimes, eliminate methamphetamine labs, and provide drug prevention and rehabilitation services.

The investigation efforts provided by HCDTF Agents are an essential service to the county and are an integral part in maintaining a healthy and thriving community. From the year 2020 through 2025, the HCDTF has effectively removed the following narcotics from the community:

- Methamphetamine: 179.54 Pounds
- Heroin: 70.3 Pounds
- Fentanyl: 43 Pounds
- Fentanyl Pills: 21,375 Dosage Units
- Prescription Narcotics: 8,387 Dosage Units
- Cocaine: 14.92 Pounds
- MDMA: 11.76 Pounds
- Ketamine: 5.47 Pounds
- Psilocybin Mushrooms: 117.3 Pounds
- LSD: 1,460 Dosage Units
- DMT: 5.5 Pounds
- Anabolic Steroids: 519 Dosage Units

In addition, 530 weapons have been seized; 395 subjects have been arrested and over 800 search warrants have been served by HCDTF. Being the primary narcotic enforcement unit in Humboldt County, HCDTF provides an essential service in disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations as well as assisting all agencies in major crime investigations such as providing information regarding homicide suspects. HCDTF has also begun to focus on human trafficking investigations as they are often connected with the distribution and sales of narcotics.

Agents also conduct presentations at high schools throughout the county where youth are educated on the dangers of narcotics as well as human trafficking. These presentations have lasting impacts on students in Humboldt especially as the county continues to navigate the ongoing fentanyl epidemic.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

The HCDTF investigates illegal drug activity countywide. This includes the incorporated, unincorporated and tribal lands within Humboldt County's geographical footprint. The work being done in Humboldt to reduce drug trafficking also has positive impacts to our neighboring counties. HCDTF also maintains compliance with the California Values Act (SB54).

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The HCDTF is actively looking for grants and other funding sources to ensure the task force continues to operate in the future. To date it has been challenging to find grants that will help with the cost of existing operations. Grants typically want to fund new programs or expansion of existing programs.

8. 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 request is for continuation of the HCDTF operations. The current source of funding for operational expenses is 100% from state and federal asset forfeiture funding. The participating agencies bear the cost of the agents assigned to HCDTF including the cost of their vehicles, training, and equipment. Participating agencies utilize their general fund and/or other grant funding.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

HCDTF through its participating agencies, will continue to pursue any grant opportunities that it may be eligible for. HCDTF has leveraged Byrne JAG grant funding to help cover the overtime costs of its agents in order to lessen the burden on the individual agencies.

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. *

Not applicable.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

Yes

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

There are no personnel recurring costs.

The county cost plan and ISF allocations are on-going, current estimate is \$24,872.00 per year.

The need for professional services to process property/evidence is on-going in the amount of \$56,000 per year.

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.*

Yes, the HCDTF will continue to be fully operational for the time being. However, the goal is to seek additional funding sources now to help secure HCDTF's future longevity.

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Staffing Report

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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*

2/26/2026

08:45 AM

Signature*

Chelsea Marie Gray Lende

Type Approving Official's Name

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Humboldt County Drug Task Force	Address: 826 4th
Coordinator/Contact: Chelsea Lende	Phone: 707-267-

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title: Insurance				
Description: County of Humboldt general liability and property insurance.	3,957.00			
Title: Information Technology Charges				
Description: County of Humboldt ISF allocation for IT services.	9,014.00			
Title: Central Services Charges				
Description: County of Humboldt cost plan allocation	5,702.00			
Title: Communications/Utility Charges				
Description: County of Humboldt ISF allocation for communication/utility services	79.00			
Title: Purchasing & Disposition Charges				
Description: County of Humboldt ISF allocation for purchasing services.	6,120.00			
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	24,872.00	0	0	24872
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: Equipment				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Supplies				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
Description: Professional services for processing and storage of property/evidence.	56,000.00			
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	56,000.00	0	0	56000
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	56,000.00	0	0	56000
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel				
Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel				
Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title:				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0
Totals	80,872.00	0.00	0.00	80,872.00

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Humboldt County Drug Task Force	Address: 826 4th
Coordinator/Contact: Chelsea Lende	Phone: 707-267

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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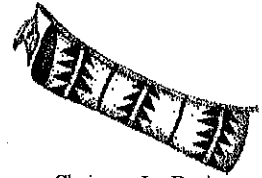
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Chairman Joe Davis

Measure Z Fund Committee
Humboldt County Drug Task Force Application
Letter of Support

January 29, 2026

Dear Humboldt County Measure Z Fund Committee:

I am writing to demonstrate my full endorsement of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) Measure Z Fund Application. If awarded, HCDTF intends to utilize the funds to pay county overhead charges and evidence processing and safe-keeping services. These funds will ensure the HCDTF stays operational and can fulfill their mission of investigating the sales, manufacturing, and distribution of illicit drugs within Humboldt County. HCDTF focuses their investigative efforts on complex drug trafficking organizations and mid to high level drug traffickers operating throughout the county.

Like the Hoopa Ambulance proposal HCDTF provides an essential service that saves lives. The narcotics enforcement has greatly helped our rural community take dangerous drugs, weapons and criminals out of our Valley and sends a positive message to our local youth. The sales and distribution of narcotics in Humboldt County impacts all citizens and is a key driver to many of our violent crimes. Investigative efforts provided by HCDTF Agents is an integral part in maintaining a healthy and thriving community.

I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization stays operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Joe Davis, Chairman
Hoopa Valley Tribe

February 5, 2026

Measure Z Fund Committee
Humboldt County Drug Task Force Application
Letter of Support

Dear Humboldt County Measure Z Fund Committee:

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I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization stays operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly, at 707.599.2053 or msslattery@eurekaca.gov.

Thank you,



Miles Slattery
City Manager
msslattery@eurekaca.gov

Measure Z Fund Committee
Humboldt County Drug Task Force Application
Letter of Support

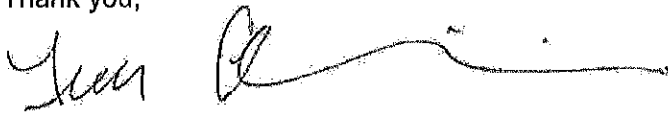
February 24, 2026

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I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization stays operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

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Trevor Christiansen
Ferndale High School Teacher
Health Coach

2866 Jacoby Creek Road,
Bayside,
CA 95524
February 19, 2026

Re: Measure Z: 2026 – 2027 Funds

To Whom It May Concern:

Please support continued funding, garnered from the 2014 voter approved Measure Z Public Safety/Essential Services Initiative, towards the salary of Humboldt County's Drug Task Force (HCDTF) and Problem Oriented Policing (POP) team's Evidence Technician. As a Humboldt County resident, I'm concerned this essential cost depends upon 'soft' money. Daily I read stories about arrests, prosecutions, and ongoing investigations into drug dealing and the interrelated 'ills' such as human trafficking and exploitation. Tragically their interconnectedness cannot be underestimated, nor their contribution to human misery!

As a Juror in Humboldt County, I observed expert law enforcement investigations and testimony culminate in a successful prosecution and denial of subsequent appeals by the defendant. Nothing could bring back the victim, nor restore him to his family and young children, however one merciless dealer was removed from the streets.

Since 2012 I've supervised Community Service Workers (CSWs) in the Jacoby Creek School Garden, some of whom were convicted due to investigations led by HCDTF. It's important their charges are based upon sound police work and evidence. I look at this from multiple viewpoints because I listen to the CSWs, ensure they are supported, and complete their community service program successfully.

Justice is founded upon adherence to the principles and practice of all elements of the legal process, including preservation and analysis of evidence.

I was raised in a small town in England untouched by 'hard' drugs and related violence, for which I am grateful. In 1993, my first teaching position in the USA was in southeast San Diego, a community savaged by crack cocaine and gang violence. I've never forgotten teenagers already without one or both parents, dead or imprisoned due to various aspects of the drug trade. Then there was my student exploited by his uncle as a drug mule crossing from Tijuana to San Ysidro. Locally based task force officers understand their community and deserve our support, which includes uninterrupted funding for essential personnel.

Locally, our Bayside community remains indebted to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, HCDF, and the Explosive Ordinance Device Team for their stellar work resulting in Ryan Doucet's conviction (14 years in State prison) for drug distribution and manufacture of explosives at 255 Garden Lane. Doucet's child was rescued from abhorrent conditions, placed into protective custody, enrolled in school for the first time in his life, and is currently thriving. The bigger picture is perhaps one element of the HCDF and POP team successes about which we don't hear enough.

There have been too many recent losses due to the Fentanyl crisis, especially amongst our youth. We need more resources, including aggressive education programs in schools – like those in San Diego – and enforcement of existing laws, to protect our vulnerable and easily influenced youth. Please guarantee Measure Z funding for this staff position.

Yours truly,

Sue Moore

Measure Z Advisory Committee, 2/16/26

As a next-door neighbor to 2400 Golf Course Rd, thinking back to 2019 brings back memories of fear and concern. What started as a animal control issue with large dogs terrorizing the neighborhood quickly evolved into traffic at all hours of the day/ night with young women screaming, threatening words between men and ambulances for drug overdoses. We all invested in alarm systems and feared for our families safety.

Once Neighborhood Watch was contacted and quick and frequent responses from the Drug Task Force, Code Enforcement and Sheriff's Office, the property was eventually turned over to a receivership company.

We can't thank the County agencies and especially the Drug Task Force enough as without consistent response we would most likely be still living in that state of terror.

When setting priorities, I hope you agree that being able to deal with such situations should be high on the list.

Respectfully,

Michael and Sara Griffin

2388 Golf Course Rd, Bayside

February 5, 2026

Measure Z Fund Committee
Humboldt County Drug Task Force Application
Letter of Support

Dear Humboldt County Measure Z Fund Committee:

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I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization stays operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Kim Bergel
Mayor, City of Eureka

February 17, 2026

Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Drug Task Force and POP (Problem Oriented Policing) Team's application for Measure Z funding.

Over the past several years, the landscape of drug enforcement and community safety in Humboldt County has changed dramatically. With the legalization of cannabis, asset forfeiture revenues that once helped sustain critical operations have significantly declined. At the same time, the presence of dangerous drugs, illegal weapons, and unmanaged encampments has increased. The revenue recovered from these operations no longer comes close to covering the cost of the work required to keep our communities safe.

I have personally seen the impact of this work in my own neighborhood in 2024. When encampments developed in the dunes and forest near my home in Manila, the POP Team worked directly with neighbors and engaged with the community through Manila Community Services District board meetings. They approached campers respectfully and professionally, balancing compassion with public safety. They returned to follow up and have continued monitoring the situation, which has helped prevent the encampments from re-establishing. Their presence brought order, accountability, and communication during a difficult and tense time. That kind of thoughtful, community-centered response does not happen without dedicated personnel and stable funding.

The request for \$20,000 to maintain their current facility is entirely reasonable and necessary. Given the sensitive and high-risk nature of their work, operating from a secure, confidential location is essential for both officer safety and operational integrity.

Likewise, the request for \$45,000 to support the evidence clerk position is critical. Proper evidence handling is foundational to successful prosecutions and maintaining the integrity of cases. With asset forfeiture revenues no longer sufficient to cover this role, Measure Z funding would ensure that this essential function continues without diverting already limited operational resources.

The Drug Task Force and POP Team are performing difficult, complex, and increasingly demanding work under tighter financial constraints. Measure Z funding would provide the stability necessary for them to continue protecting our neighborhoods while working collaboratively and respectfully within the community.

I respectfully urge the Committee to approve their application. Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to public safety in Humboldt County.

Sincerely,

Kamila Larripa

February 23, 2026

Measure Z Citizen's Advisory Committee
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Letter of Support for the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF) Application

Dear Measure Z Committee Members,

As the Chief of Police for the City of Fortuna, I am writing to express my full endorsement of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF) Measure Z Fund Application. As an active participating agency, the Fortuna Police Department relies on the HCDF to dismantle the complex drug trafficking organizations that drive violent crime and social instability across our region. This funding is essential for the HCDF to maintain its operational capacity, covering the critical overhead and evidence processing costs required to investigate and prosecute mid- to high-level traffickers who operate beyond the resources of a single municipal agency.

The work of the Task Force is an integral component of our broader public safety strategy. While our local department focuses on community-level impact, the HCDF serves as a regional shield. By targeting the supply of illicit narcotics at the source, they directly support the mission to keep these substances out of our schools and neighborhoods, ensuring a healthier environment for our most vulnerable residents.

I strongly urge the Committee to approve this application to ensure the HCDF remains a thriving and effective partner in Humboldt County. Their specialized investigative efforts are vital to the safety of Fortuna and the entire county. Should you have any specific questions regarding our partnership with the Task Force, please feel free to contact me directly.

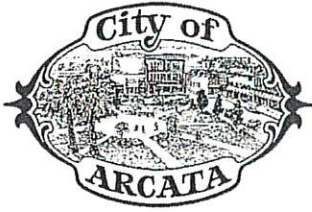
Respectfully,



Matthew Eberhardt
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February 23, 2026

Measure Z Fund Committee
Humboldt County Drug Task Force Application
Letter of Support

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I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization stays operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

Merritt Perry
City Manager
citymgr@cityofarcata.org



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WILLIAM F. HONSAL, SHERIFF/CORONER

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CUSTODY SERVICES
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February 4, 2026

Dear Humboldt County Measure Z Fund Committee:

I am writing to express my full support for the Humboldt County Drug Task Force and its Measure Z Fund application.

The Humboldt County Drug Task Force provides a critical public safety service to our county through focused narcotics investigations and enforcement. If awarded, these funds will be used to help cover county overhead charges and evidence processing and safekeeping services, which are essential to keeping the task force operational and effective. This funding will directly support the Drug Task Force's ability to continue investigating the sales, manufacturing, and distribution of illicit drugs in Humboldt County, with a focus on complex drug trafficking organizations and mid to high level traffickers operating throughout our communities.

The work of the Drug Task Force has a direct impact on community safety and quality of life. Illegal drug sales and distribution contribute to violence, property crime, addiction, and ongoing harm to individuals and families throughout Humboldt County. The Drug Task Force also provides valuable support to local law enforcement agencies when they are dealing with specific narcotics related problems in their jurisdictions. Their investigative work is an important part of our broader countywide effort to protect the public, hold offenders accountable, and maintain safe and healthy communities.

As Undersheriff of Humboldt County, I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application and respectfully ask for your support to help ensure this important team remains operational.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Braud".

Justin Braud
Undersheriff

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Arcata Police Department

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February 24, 2026

Dear Humboldt County Measure Z Fund Committee:

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In addition to my current role as Chief of Police, I previously served as a member of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. Through that assignment, I gained firsthand experience with the scope and complexity of regional narcotics investigations and the level of coordination required among partner agencies. Many of these cases involve long-term investigative work that extends across jurisdictions and requires resources and continuity that no single agency could sustain alone. From my perspective as both a former Task Force member and a police chief responsible for community safety, the HCDF represents a critical regional partnership that strengthens our collective ability to address the evolving drug challenges facing Humboldt County.

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I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization stays operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Chris Ortega
Chief of Police
Arcata Police Department

February 19, 2026

Attn: Measure Z Advisory Committee

My residence is located at 350 Arrow Lane in Bayside. A while ago our entire area was being terrorized by Emiliano Carriedo Ruiz. I was out of town on a hunting trip when he walked around the cameras at my gate and to the back of my home. My wife and son were home and my wife and son started yelling at him, along with my dog barking. He walked up the back of my property to my neighbors home, which is in the Baywood Heights gated community. They have Ring cameras and so do I. We notified them immediately and they were able to see him looking around their property. He is a known drug addict and had no response when my family yelled at him. He appeared to be high on something and was just looking for an easy target.

He lived on Garden Lane in Bayside and was seen on many peoples property in the Bayside area. He also went through the woods up to Fickle Hill and pepper sprayed someone in their barn when he was looking for another target. There was also a SWAT team out when he abused a woman. One person had hundreds of law abiding citizens scared. With the help of POP, eventually he was rearrested and incarcerated.

It is SO important to fund POP to help keep a civilized society. I cannot think of a better use of funds where you get immediate results.

Sincerely,

Paul Nicholson
707-496-3590
911.guypjn@gmail.com

February 17, 2026

Dear Humboldt County Measure Z Fund Committee:

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In addition to my current role, I previously served as a Special Agent with the HCDF for over four years. During that time, I personally participated in and helped carry out operations targeting drug trafficking networks in our community. I witnessed firsthand the professionalism, collaboration, and impact of the Task Force's work. The investigations we conducted directly disrupted the flow of dangerous narcotics, dismantled trafficking organizations, and contributed to making Humboldt County a safer place to live and work.

HCDF provides an essential service through narcotics enforcement and also assists requesting agencies with specific issues throughout their respective jurisdictions. The sales and distribution of narcotics in Humboldt County impact all citizens and are key drivers of many other violent crimes. The investigative efforts provided by HCDF Agents are integral to maintaining a healthy and thriving community.

Based on both my professional experience and my firsthand service as a Special Agent with HCDF, I strongly endorse the Humboldt County Drug Task Force's Measure Z Fund application to ensure the organization remains operational. Should you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,



Brian Stephens

Chief of Police, Eureka Police Department

Greetings County of Humboldt

As a 30year plus resident of Mckinleyville I want to recognize and thank the Sheriffs department for the support and assistance in maintaining safety in our community. Our family has personally witnessed the efforts in keeping drugs under control. We currently live just 2 doors away from the Mckinleyville drug house at 1563 Murray Road. The numerous times we called asking for their response to activities including visible drug transactions, frightening behavior of under the influence scary people, vicious dogs in our yards, abandoned trashed vehicles blocking access to our home, are no doubt on record, but we ALWAYS received personal visits or close to immediate response. Thank you.

We are 3 generations of real, regular citizens. Our children and our children's children depend on you. We span decades (1 year old to 80 years old). We support all efforts to provide for and protect our Sheriffs.

These front line first responders need and deserve their own protection and safety. Please consider supporting our local Sheriff's Drug Task Force in every possible manner.

Thank you for your service

Garnette Gilgore

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45189

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association

Mailing Address*

PO Box 7014

City*

Eureka

Zip*

95502

Contact Person*

Rus Brown

Title*

President

Phone Number*

(707) 725-5021

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Project Title*

Humboldt County Fire and Emergency Service Support

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

2,000,000

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
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Salaries (wages)		
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Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

2,000,000.00

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

100

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

\$1,024,951.00

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

Yes ▼

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.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

This proposal seeks continued support to ensure that Humboldt County’s firefighters and emergency responders have the equipment, training, and resources necessary to serve their communities safely and effectively. The first responder and firefighter members of the HCFCA are local residents who live and work in the communities they protect. They respond at all hours, leave their families when emergencies arise, and dedicate themselves to safeguarding lives and property throughout the county. These calls are often dangerous and taxing, and the quality of the equipment that is being used has an enormous effect on the outcome, both for the community and the firefighters.

Emergency response requires a significant personal commitment. Responders invest substantial time in training, maintaining certifications, and preparing for complex and high-risk incidents ranging from structure fires and wildfires to medical and rescue emergencies. This level of readiness is only possible when personnel are supported with reliable apparatus, modern protective equipment, communication systems, and specialized rescue tools.

Measure Z funding plays a vital role in ensuring that responders are equipped and trained to perform their duties safely and professionally. Regardless of whether they are career or volunteer, all firefighters are expected to perform professionally in emergency situations. Those responders volunteer their time and risk their safety, with the understanding that they will be supported by society. This proposal focuses on sustaining those essential resources so that personnel can continue to operate with confidence, efficiency, and accountability in challenging conditions.

By investing in the people who respond when our community calls 911, this proposal helps preserve the high standard of emergency services that Humboldt County residents expect. Continued support ensures that those who dedicate their time, skills, and personal safety to public service are properly equipped to protect our families, neighbors, and communities—today and into the future.

5. 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?*

The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs’ Association (HCFCA) plays a critical role in maintaining and improving public safety across Humboldt County. Our association coordinates and supports the thirty-four fire departments and two technical rescue teams that provide primary 911, first response services to communities throughout the region.

The intent of Measure Z is to ensure that essential services, including public safety, are adequately funded and equipped to serve the community effectively. Over the past several years, Measure Z has made significant contributions to strengthening the quality, reliability, and professionalism of Humboldt County’s fire departments. Investments in training, equipment, apparatus, and operational support have directly elevated response capability and service standards countywide.

This proposal continues that progress by prioritizing direct investments in emergency response readiness. Measure Z funds will support firefighter training, apparatus maintenance and repair, personal protective equipment, emergency response tools, technical rescue equipment, and workers’ compensation coverage. These resources are fundamental to safe, effective operations and ensure that departments remain prepared to respond to fires, medical emergencies, rescues, and other critical incidents.

With continued Measure Z support, Humboldt County’s fire services can maintain and further advance the high standard of emergency response that our community expects and deserves. When a family member calls 911, residents envision a rapid, professional, and well-equipped response. Sustained investment through Measure Z helps make that expectation a reality, by supporting the protection of lives and property, and the long-term resilience of our communities.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

This project will serve countywide, benefiting all residents and visitors within Humboldt County. The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association (HCFCA) represents 46 fire and emergency response agencies providing coverage across approximately 4,052 square miles of diverse and geographically complex terrain in far Northern California.

The service area includes extremely remote, rural communities; coastal and inland mountain regions; major transportation corridors; and urban centers such as Eureka and Arcata. Many portions of the county are designated as economically disadvantaged and high wildfire-risk areas, with limited infrastructure and long travel distances to critical services. Fire and emergency response agencies routinely serve dispersed rural populations, isolated homesteads, agricultural and timberlands, State and National Parks, and coastal tourism destinations.

Through the coordinated network of 46 member agencies, services are provided to the county's full-time residential population as well as seasonal visitors and travelers moving through the region via Highways 101, 299, 36, and other critical routes. The project strengthens emergency response capacity across the entire county, ensuring consistent support to both densely populated communities and the most remote and access-challenged areas.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association (HCFCA) is actively working to strengthen the long-term sustainability of fire and emergency services throughout the county while continuing to responsibly leverage Measure Z funding.

A central part of this effort is support for the HCFCA Fire Services Planning Team, which assists local departments in identifying and developing stable funding sources. This team, which includes County of Humboldt staff and LAFCO consultant Planwest Partners, brings decades of technical and financial expertise. Their work helps fire departments evaluate revenue options, pursue grants, and assess opportunities for collaboration and efficiency that support long-term operational stability. Through the continued collection and analysis of data and metrics, this team positions the HCFCA members for success in the increasingly competitive and data driven world.

Some examples of this team's efforts include assistance with the successful consolidation of the Rio Dell, Scotia, Shively, and Redcrest fire departments under the Rio Dell Fire Protection District (FPD), the Garberville FPD annexation and consolidation with Sprowel Creek Fire Department, the Salmon Creek FPD formation, the Kneeland FPD annexation, and the Arcata FPD annexation. Current projects include the Ferndale FPD annexation effort, the Petrolia, Honeydew, Telegraph Ridge consolidation effort to create the Mattole FPD, and support for the newly formed Southern Humboldt Fire & Rescue Joint Powers Alliance. These are all examples of Measure Z funding that was leveraged to create greater efficiency of operations, and expanded base funding for sustainable fire and emergency services in those respective areas.

HCFCA remains committed to pursuing reorganization, annexation and consolidation efforts that increase base funding, grants, partnerships, and shared-service opportunities whenever possible. While the fire department members of the HCFCA would continue to provide service without Measure Z, as it did before, it may be at a reduced capacity. This is likely to be why many residents voted for it in the first place. Measure Z support remains essential to preserving, and developing the high level of protection and response that Humboldt County residents rely upon and expect. By utilizing this important funding support, the HCFCA can leverage other funding opportunities and create a force multiplier for the development and sustainability of future services.

8. 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 HCFCA request for Measure Z funding represents a continuation of established and previously supported programs. This includes ongoing support for communication dispatch fees, continued funding for the HCFCA Fire Services Planning Team, and resources to address critical department needs such as personal protective equipment (PPE), and apparatus replacement and maintenance. Each of these components has been funded through Measure Z in prior cycles and remains essential to sustaining reliable emergency response services across Humboldt County.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

Measure Z funding helps cover essential baseline needs—such as dispatch services, basic firefighting tools, personal protective equipment, training, and coordinated planning support—that are fundamental to safe and effective operations. By stabilizing these core functions, departments are not forced to divert limited local revenue toward basic operational survival. This creates discretionary capacity within individual agency budgets, allowing departments to pursue more specialized improvements such as advanced training programs, and community risk-reduction initiatives. These improvements then build the capacity to compete for state, federal, and private grant opportunities. Grant programs often prioritize agencies that demonstrate organizational readiness, financial stability, and regional coordination. Measure Z support strengthens all three. When departments are not operating on a shoestring budget focused solely on the bare essentials, they are better positioned to dedicate time and administrative capacity to grant writing, reporting compliance, and long-term project planning. In this way, success builds upon success—foundational stability leads to increased competitiveness and additional outside investment.

Regional collaboration is also expanding. Through coordinated planning efforts and shared-service strategies, departments are identifying joint purchasing opportunities, cost-sharing models, and collaborative grant applications. Measure Z funding enhances this regional framework by ensuring that participating agencies meet consistent operational standards, which in turn makes multi-agency proposals more viable and attractive to funders.

Measure Z serves as a catalyst. By securing essential services and equipment, it frees local resources, strengthens organizational capacity, and positions Humboldt County fire agencies to attract additional grants, partnerships, and community support, thereby multiplying the impact of the original investment.

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. *

This proposal does not require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional. The HCFCFA has proactively organized into three broad regions for accurate needs assessment and operational efficiency in managing this funding. As the primary applicant, the HCFCFA coordinates this funding opportunity for its 36 member agencies. Each region has a lead agency that is the primary point of contact for that area's departments. This system has shown to be effective and efficient, with the intention to optimize the funding benefits.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

Yes, the project could still be implemented if awarded less than the full amount requested. However, identifying a specific "minimum funding amount" would be somewhat arbitrary, as any reduction in funding would result in a proportional reduction in project scope, service delivery, and overall system capacity.

The proposed funding supports foundational coordination, planning, and resource needs across the 46 member agencies of the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association serving all of Humboldt County. A reduced award would not eliminate the need for these services; rather, it would limit the level of support that can be provided. This would translate directly into reduced training, apparatus maintenance, and personal protective equipment as agencies make difficult prioritized decisions on spending.

Outcomes would remain aligned with the project's core objectives, but at a diminished level of impact. Because Humboldt County includes both densely populated communities and extremely remote rural areas, reductions in funding would proportionally reduce the system's ability to maintain consistent service levels and capacity across the region.

While the project remains viable at reduced funding levels, full funding is necessary to achieve the intended countywide impact and ensure equitable support to all member agencies and the communities they serve.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with 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)

Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

HCFCA MZ Prior Year Results.pdf

Program Budget

[Download the budget narrative](#), then upload using the button at right.

Upload Program Budget Attachment*

HCFCA Measure Z Proposed Budget - FY 2026-27.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

Upload Staffing Report Attachment

No file chosen

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

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No file chosen

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*

Type Approving Official's Name

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Agency Name:	Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association	Address:	PO Box 7014, Eureka, 95502
Coordinator/Contact:	Rus Brown	Phone:	(707) 725-5021

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	0.00			0.00
Benefits	0.00			0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	0.00			0.00
Benefits	0.00			0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	0.00			0.00
Benefits	0.00			0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title:				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	0.00	0	0	0.00

C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment				
Description: (Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to . These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)				
Title: Rescue Equipment (UTV)				
Description: Rescue apparatus: Utility Task Vehicle	60,000.00			
Title: Extractors (PPE washers)				
Description: Equipment for cleaning PPE to remove carcinogenic contaminants	60,000.00			
Title: Personal Protective Equipment				
Description: Equipment to protect firefighters from the dangers of reponding	208,000.00			
Title: New Academy Forklift				
Description: Forklift for the Central Region Training Academy to assist with drills	45,000.00			
Title: Fire Apparatus				
Description: Two Type 6s and Tender for Carlotta, Bridgeville, and South Region	570,000.00			
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	<i>943,000.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>943,000.00</i>
Title: Supplies				
Description: (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)				
Title: Humboldt County Rescue Coalition Supplies				
Description: General supplies and small tools and equipment for technical rescue	2,000.00			
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
Description: (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or supplies)				
Title: Operations Site Maintenance				
Description: Training facilities, Radio Repeater and Tech Rescue Station maintenace and repair	296,000.00			
Title: Equipment Repair/Maintenance				
Description: Apparatus and Equipment repair and maintenance services	167,000.00			
Title: Dispatch and Planning Services				
Description: Radio Dispatch service and Fire Planning Services Team	425,000.00			
Title: Worker's Compensation Reimbursements				
Description: Worker's Compensation Reimbursements and firefighter physicals	123,000.00			
Title: Training				
Description: Training services and training supplies	44,000.00			
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	<i>1,055,000.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,055,000.00</i>
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	2,000,000.00	0	0	2,000,000.00

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

Title: Local Travel				
Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel				
Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0.00

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title:				
Description:				

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0.00	0	0	0.00

Totals	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00
Requested	Current	Prior Quarter	Remaining	

HCFA Measure Z Proposed Budget 2026/2027

SUMMARY

North Region	\$500,000.00	
Central Region	\$500,000.00	
Southern Region	\$500,000.00	
Humboldt County Rescue Coalition	\$60,000.00	
Dispatching 55/45%	\$275,000.00	C. Services
Planning	\$150,000.00	C. Services
Southern Trinity Workers Comp	\$15,000.00	C. Other Operational Costs
SubTotal Requested	\$2,000,000.00	
26-27 Base Funding	\$975,049.00	
Measure Z Application Request	\$1,024,951.00	

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association Regional Requests

North Region Measure Z Request	Budget Category	
Hillficker Training Site Maintenance	\$30,000.00	C. Services
North Bay Training Prop	\$100,000.00	C. Services
Apparatus Repair	\$60,000.00	C. Services
Rescue Equipment (UTV)	\$60,000.00	C. Equipment
Radio Repeater Repair	\$110,000.00	C. Services
Extractors (PPE washers)	\$60,000.00	C. Equipment
Personal Protective Equipment	\$80,000.00	C. Equipment
Total Requested	\$500,000.00	

Central Region Measure Z Request	Budget Category	
New Academy Forklift	\$45,000.00	C. Equipment
Type 6 Engine Acquisition - Carlotta	\$190,000.00	C. Equipment
Water Tender Acquisition - Bridgeville	\$190,000.00	C. Equipment
Funding to Bring Loleta to Full Amount	\$40,000.00	C. Services
Personal Protective Equipment	\$35,000.00	C. Equipment
Total Requested	\$500,000.00	

Southern Region Measure Z Request	Budget Category	
Type 6 Engine Acquisition / Replacement	\$190,000.00	C. Equipment
Workers Compensation Insurance/Physicals	\$100,000.00	C. Other Operational Costs
Training	\$40,000.00	C. Other Operational Costs
Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance/Testing	\$100,000.00	C. Services
Personal Protective Equipment	\$70,000.00	C. Equipment
Total Requested	\$500,000.00	

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESCUE COALITION MEASURE Z REQUEST

Rescue Equipment & PPE	\$23,000.00	C. Equipment
Apparatus Repair & Maintenance	\$7,000.00	C. Services
Station Improvement & Maintenance	\$16,000.00	C. Services
Training & Supplies	\$4,000.00	C. Other Operational Costs
Insurance & Admin Support	\$8,000.00	C. Other Operational Costs
General Supplies	\$2,000.00	C. Supplies
Total Requested	\$60,000.00	

C. Equipment	\$943,000.00
C. Services	\$888,000.00
C. Other Operational Costs	\$167,000.00
C. Supplies	\$2,000.00
	\$2,000,000.00

Dispatch/FSPT	\$425,000.00
Worker's Comp	\$123,000.00
Training	\$44,000.00
Site Maintenance	\$296,000.00
Equiq. Repair/Maintenance	\$167,000.00
PPE	\$208,000.00
Apparatus	\$630,000.00

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

26-27 Measure Z HCFA Regions

3 Regions and the Chiefs Association \$2,000,000

Northern Region Agencies <small>Lead Agency: ACV \$500,000</small>	Central Region Agencies <small>Lead Agency: FRT \$500,000</small>	Southern Region Agencies <small>Lead Agency: SHE \$500,000</small>	HCFA <small>\$500,000</small>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <u>Hoopa VFD</u> 2 <u>Kneeland</u> 3 <u>Orick</u> 4 <u>Orleans</u> 5 <u>Fieldbrook</u> 6 <u>Trinidad</u> 7 <u>Samoa</u> 8 <u>Westhaven</u> 9 <u>Willow Creek</u> 10 <u>Blue Lake</u> 11 <u>Arcata</u> 12 <u>Humboldt Bay</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <u>Rio Dell</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Redcrest</u> b. <u>Shively</u> c. <u>Scotia</u> 2 <u>Fortuna</u> 3 <u>Bridgeville</u> 4 <u>Loleta</u> 5 <u>Carlotta</u> 6 <u>Ferndale</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <u>Alderpoint</u> 2 <u>Briceland</u> 3 <u>Weott</u> 4 <u>Redway</u> 5 <u>Fruitland</u> 6 <u>Palo Verde</u> 7 <u>Myers Flat</u> 8 <u>Miranda</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Phillipsville</u> 9 <u>Telegraph Ridge</u> 10 <u>Shelter Cove</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Whale Gulch</u> 11 <u>Salmon Creek</u> 12 <u>Honeydew</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <u>Dispatching</u> 2 <u>Insurance</u> 3 <u>Grant Match</u> 4 <u>Admin Support</u> 5 <u>HRCR</u> 6 <u>Arson</u> 7 <u>Communications</u>

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

Measure Z 26-27 Prior Year Results

Since its passage, Measure Z has proven to be one of the most impactful public safety investments in Humboldt County history. For the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association and the 46 fire agencies it represents, Measure Z has provided critical stabilization funding that strengthens emergency response, improves regional coordination, and sustains a largely volunteer-based system serving communities across the county.

Volunteer service remains the backbone of this system. In 2024-2025 alone, local fire and rescue agencies reported 100,054 volunteer hours across incident response, training, maintenance, and fundraising. Using the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' hourly value for a California firefighter (\$42.26), this equates to more than \$4.2 million in contributed service. When viewed as match funding, this represents one of the strongest returns on investment in county government. Every Measure Z dollar invested in fire services is multiplied many times over through volunteer labor, leveraged grants, shared regional capacity, and coordinated planning.

As outlined in the original Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Five-Year M-Z Plan, Measure Z funding has focused on strengthening countywide coordination, improving training consistency, enhancing communications interoperability, and supporting apparatus reliability. Prior-year results demonstrate measurable progress, including improved regional training delivery, increased interagency collaboration, stronger grant competitiveness, enhanced wildfire and all-risk readiness, and expanded administrative capacity for long-term system sustainability.

One of the most transformative accomplishments has been the acquisition and deployment of brand-new Type 6 all-risk engines for multiple rural departments. For many of these agencies, this is the first time in their history placing a brand-new apparatus into service. Historically reliant on aging surplus engines, departments now operate modern, safer, and more reliable equipment that meets current wildland and mutual aid standards. These engines reduce maintenance costs, improve firefighter safety, enhance interoperability, and increase deployment opportunities that bring outside revenue back into Humboldt County. For small volunteer departments with limited tax bases, this represents a generational improvement in capability and reliability.

Measure Z has also created a leveraging effect. Stable local funding strengthens highly competitive state and federal grant applications, allowing rural departments to secure additional outside resources that benefit the entire county. Rather than operating reactively, agencies are now able to plan strategically and regionally.

The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude to the Measure Z Citizens' Advisory Committee for their professionalism, oversight, and dedication. Their careful review of funding requests and commitment to transparency have ensured accountability and strengthened public trust. Their work has been instrumental in turning Measure Z into a sustained public safety success.

Measure Z has delivered tangible, measurable returns for Humboldt County residents. It has stabilized a predominantly volunteer emergency response system, modernized equipment, strengthened coordination, and multiplied local investment. Continued support remains essential to maintaining and advancing the emergency services that our communities depend on every day.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

[HCFCA 2024 Annual Report](#)



Volunteer Hours Summary	2024	2023	2022	2021
Incident Hours	41,055	49,035	53,537	38,505
Administrative Hours	6,432	NA	NA	NA
Training Hours	30,055	27,840	29,408	39,624
Maintenance Hours	11,131	8,927	8,150	12,750
Fundraising Hours	11,381	12,239	10,947	9,239
Total Volunteer Hours	100,054	98,041	102,042	100,118
Total Volunteer Value	\$4,228,282.04	\$4,143,212.66	4,138,823.52	\$4,060,786.08

Humboldt County Fire Services at a Glance



- **46 Agencies**
- **190 VFD Apparatus**
- **596 Volunteer Personnel**
- **553 Career Personnel**
- **194 Auxiliary (Support) Personnel**
- **283 Seasonal / Temporary Personnel**

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45191

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

County of Humboldt - Dept of Aviation

Mailing Address*

3561

City*

McKinleyville

Zip*

95519

Contact Person*

Justin Hopman

Title*

Director of Aviation

Phone Number*

7078395401

Email*

jhopman@co.humboldt.ca.us

Project Title*

Turnout Gear Replacement

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

23337.00

Agency Priority

2 - Second Priority

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

23337.00

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

100

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

23337.00

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

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.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

At the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport, the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) team stands as the first line of defense in protecting lives, property, and critical aviation infrastructure during emergencies. These dedicated professionals respond to potential aircraft incidents involving intense heat, flames, fuel fires, structural hazards, and toxic exposures -- scenarios that demand the highest level of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Our current turnout gear inventory is now approaching expected service life. According to NFPA 1851 (Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting), protective clothing should be retired after 10 years of the date of manufacture. Outdated gear risks reduced resistance to heat transfer, increased vulnerability to flame impingement, and diminished ability to block hazardous particulates and chemicals; factors that directly elevate the risk of burn injuries, heat stress and long-term health effects of our firefighters.

The Airport is asking for assistance with the replacement of 6 sets of turnout gear. This gear will include new pants, jacket, boots, helmet, gloves and Nomex hoods.

5. 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?*

This assistance will help protect our 1st responders from the hazards of ARFF duties. They can be better prepared and confident in their protective gear in the event of an emergency. This in-turn helps maintain an essential public safety service.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

This project would serve guests and the traveling public and the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

Currently, the only other funding method for this project is with local funds.

8. 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?*

N/A

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

We are not seeking additional grants for this project.

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. *

No

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

Yes, we could, but we would need to phase the project over several years. Each set is approximately \$3,889.50 therefore, that would be the minimum amount to get started.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with 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)

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Choose File No file chosen

Program Budget

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Measure Z Proposed Budget Template - FY 2025-26 ACV Gear.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

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Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

Upload Letters of Support

Choose File No file chosen

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*

2/26/2026

10:30 AM

Signature*

Justin Hopman

Type Approving Official's Name

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Dept of Aviation	Address: 3561 Boeing Ave McKinleyville, CA 95519
Coordinator/Contact: Justin Hopman	Phone: 7078395401

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

Title: Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				

<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				

Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
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C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment (Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to . Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)				
Title: ARFF Turnout Gear Description: Jacket, pants, boots, helmet, gloves, nomex hood	23,337.00			
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	23,337.00	0	0	23337

Title: Supplies (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under Description: \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)				
Title: Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0

Title: Services/Other Operational Costs (Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or Description: contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or				
Title: Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0

Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	23,337.00	0	0	23337
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D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)

Title: Local Travel Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				

Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0.00	0	0	0
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E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				

Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0
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Totals	23,337.00	0.00	0.00	23,337.00
Requested Budget		Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45196

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District

Mailing Address*

733 Cedar Street

City*

Garberville

Zip*

95542

Contact Person*

Nick Vogel

Title*

Grant Writer

Phone Number*

(707) 923-3921, extension 1316

Email*

nivogel@shchd.org

Project Title*

Helistop for Emergency Medical Evacuations

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

\$29,000

Agency Priority

-- Select One --

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

0

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

0

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

\$30,000

Fixed Assets %*

100

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

\$29,000

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

We are a Special Hospital District

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

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

We have an emergent need in Southern Humboldt County and if this need is fulfilled, it would transform our system of care here and save lives well into the future.

The Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District operates the only Emergency Department from Willits to Fortuna. Every year, we treat over 125 patients that require transfer to other medical facilities. All of our medical transports are coordinated through City Ambulance. Patients are stabilized at our hospital and City Ambulance transports them down to the Garberville airstrip to be medevacked via helicopter. The airstrip is three miles away from the hospital.

However, there is only one ambulance that serves the entire 600 square mile area where our patients live. If any patient in our area requires emergency medical services and they do not have the ability to have someone drive them to our Emergency Department, they all have to undergo the same process of waiting for a single ambulance to make it out to their property to pick them up and transport them to the hospital. Once there, our staff will work to stabilize them, but if that single ambulance has another call in its queue, it leaves to transport another patient. Meanwhile, if the patient in our Emergency Department requires immediate transfer to another medical facility in Northern California, they must now wait for that same ambulance to pick them up and drive them down to the Garberville airstrip, to be transported to another facility. It is often a stressful and traumatic experience for patients and their loved ones to be medevacked to another hospital. There simply must be a better way for us to provide this critical service in Southern Humboldt.

In order to improve essential services for Southern Humboldt residents, we need to provide efficient medical transfers. Our patients need access to the specialized or trauma-based care they require as soon as possible. While our inefficient process is no one's fault, it is a glaring and potentially dangerous process due to lack of resources that must be resolved. Building an emergency medical helistop at the new hospital scheduled to break ground in early 2027 will resolve this inefficiency and increase both patient safety and health outcomes in our community. Building a medical helistop will allow our hospital staff to quickly locate a hospital that can accept a patient transfer, schedule the air transfer, and simply wheel patients out to the helistop located on the south end of the hospital.

We have already obtained engineering blueprints and design renderings of the emergency helistop, along with a cost estimate rundown. It will cost approximately \$1.5 million to make this critical piece of infrastructure a reality. We humbly request \$29,000 from the Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee to help us gather the necessary funding for this project.

5. 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?*

An emergency medical helistop aligns perfectly with Measure Z's funding criteria:

- This is an infrastructural improvement to an essential service that will make a significant community-wide impact for decades.
- Resolving one of Southern Humboldt's myriad transportation problems provides significant upstream benefits. At its core, this is a safety and transportation problem that prevents our doctors and nurses from providing early intervention treatment. Early intervention is key to positive health outcomes. The faster we can get a patient transported for specialized or trauma-based care, it raises their chances of survival and achieving the median life expectancy. This also takes immense pressure off of Sprowel Creek Road and the Garberville airstrip. Sprowel Creek runs through an intense and wet microclimate during the winter and spring and often floods. We cannot take the chance of a road closure and we cannot continue to use the aging Garberville airstrip, three miles away from the hospital.
- This project brings together multiple organizations to analyze and resolve a longstanding issue that compromises community health outcomes. SoHum Health and Redwoods Rural Health Center are the only medical providers in the area. We are excited to bring Redwoods Rural and City Ambulance together to discuss a new, fresh, and safe emergency medevac system of care for patients in Southern Humboldt.
- This project has a deep connection to the community. The new hospital and helistop projects provide a lot of hope to older adults, caretakers, and persons with disabilities, who worry about their ability to quickly access specialized care. The public meetings we have held to give updates on these two projects have been uplifting and well attended. We are determined to make these infrastructural improvements in Southern Humboldt and we would be grateful to receive Measure Z funding in 2026.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

Approximately 70 percent of our patients live in Southern Humboldt towns and villages, stretching from Blocksburg to Shelter Cove and from Richardson Grove to Pepperwood. 30 percent of our patients live outside of Southern Humboldt, as many of our patients travel from Fortuna, Eureka, and Arcata since we have shorter waits for primary care, radiology, and laboratory services.

80 percent of our patients are enrolled in Medi-Cal or Medicare insurance.

We average 125 patients per year that require medical transfer to another hospital. We expect the emergency helistop to be used for medical evacuations for several decades to come, potentially affecting thousands of lives in Southern Humboldt.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The cost to build an emergency helistop in Garberville is approximately \$1.5 million. We are working with USDA Rural Development in Santa Rosa to secure financing via the USDA Community Facilities Loan Program. However, this financing will only cover design and construction of the hospital and clinic in Garberville, and we will be required to provide a 10% match in order to be approved for a loan by the USDA.

To build an emergency medical helistop, we will need to rely mostly on local funding streams. To date, we have raised 10 percent of the total needed and we have several more funding inquiries to make. Inquiries have already been sent to eight different foundations from Southern Oregon to Fort Bragg, asking for grant funding for the emergency helistop project. \$29,000 in funding from Measure Z will push us to 12 percent of our goal, which would be a significant boost.

After construction of the helistop and use of it begins, SoHum Health will sustain and maintain the helistop with general operating funds.

8. 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?*

An emergency helistop for medevacs would be a new service provided at SoHum Health in Garberville.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

If we are fortunate enough to secure Measure Z funding, this will be well-publicized positive news in the SoHum community. Word will travel fast. We are certain that not only will Measure Z funding spur support from community members, it will also help us tremendously in our requests to local foundations for funding. Local foundations hold Measure Z funding in high regard and being awarded Measure Z funding will be a game-changer in Southern Humboldt.

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. *

No.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please 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.

No

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.*

This funding request is scalable and we can make adjustments to our fiscal projections for this project, if we are awarded less than the full amount requested.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with your application.

Prior Year Results

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Choose File No file chosen

Program Budget

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Staffing Report

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Letter of Support Supervisor Bushnell.pdf

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*

2/26/2026

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Signature*

Nick Vogel

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EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501 PHONE: (707) 476-2390

February 26, 2026

Measure Z Citizens' Advisory Committee
825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501

Re: Letter of Support for SoHum Health's Emergency Helistop Project

Dear Measure Z Citizens' Advisory Committee:

I am writing in strong support of SoHum Health's proposal for 2026 Measure Z funding. An emergency helistop is a critical need in Southern Humboldt. It is important for local foundations to demonstrate significant support of this imperative undertaking. It would be enormously uplifting to this community to receive a grant of \$30,000 to help with the design and constructions costs of the helistop.

As a community member, business owner, and 2nd District Supervisor, I cannot stress enough the importance of building an emergency helistop at the new hospital scheduled to open in 2030 in Garberville. We have extremely limited first responder and emergency services in Southern Humboldt. It is vital to this community's future and the health of its residents to develop this helistop. Doing so will eliminate costly delays that critical patients have to endure while waiting for ambulance transport down to the Garberville airstrip. Simply put, this project will save lives.

On a personal note, I am grateful that my own grandmother was able to live the remaining two years of her life as a resident at SoHum Health's skilled nursing facility. My family was comforted knowing that SoHum Health took such good care of her locally. It underscored the importance of SoHum Health in this community. Improving their infrastructure keeps SoHum healthy and safe.

I enthusiastically endorse this endeavor and I look forward to continuing our collective efforts in addressing the health needs of our beloved community.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bushnell, 2nd District Supervisor
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45198

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

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Christina Marie Jeffers

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Executive Director

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Christina@AccessHumboldt.net

Project Title*

Digital Infrastructure For Access Humboldt

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

\$80,680

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

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SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

0

Salaries %*

0

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

0

Benefits %*

0

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

\$80,680

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

100

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

0

Transportation/Travel %*

0

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

\$80,680

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

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

Access Humboldt's servers and digital infrastructure is long overdue for upgrading to Over The Top (OTT) Distribution for Broadband/Streaming. Integrated compliance for ADA is also necessary at this time as well as other server upgrades to accommodate cloud services and interacting with the 7 Cities and 3 JPAs that we have served for the last 20 years. These upgrades will make it easier for viewers and listeners to see text in Government meetings, be able to scan QR codes from their TV Screens at home, offer "On-demand" programming to TV, and distribute essential information in higher definition than is currently offered. ADA Compliance means that the visually impaired will have audio descriptions, translations in real time, and other digital compliance methods used for TV and Web. By having the ability for digital tools to accurately read text, note chapters, and summarize content, we are enabling the community to better interact in Civics & Educational programs; and participate in Pubic Access distribution in an authentic voice that uphold Free Speech for Humboldt County. Access Humboldt also distributes emergency notices and information and these upgrades will improve the delivery of alerts and communications County Wide by expanding coverage from Cable & Internet to OTT Distribution, serving more of Humboldt County's residents.

5. 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?*

Access Humboldt is your local Public Access, Educational, and Governmental channels (PEG TV) upholding the Free Speech, Transparency in Government, and Education For All initiatives outlined in the Cable Act. We are an essential method of distribution for emergency alerts, disaster information, Public Service Announcements, and other Civic information crucial to viewers. What we air on TV and LPFM informs, educates, and inspires the residents of Humboldt specifically to take action and can be critical to their survival during a disaster. During the last 7.0 Earthquake Access Humboldt remained operational the entire time whereas other stations fell offline. We aim to build upon the foundation of Cable TV to reach additional people who have "cut the cord" and made the switch to the newer technology of OTT Distribution. As Cable continues down the road of being "outmoded" we must invest in this infrastructure to keep the content in front of Humboldt County Residents. This will help "future -proof" an essential piece of our information infrastructure.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

All geographic areas and populations of Humboldt County will be served by this.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

We have already built into our budget the ongoing annual service fees of \$7,410 for OTT Distribution and ADA Compliance. We just need the one-time infusion to make this a reality this year. We have historically been funded from Cable Franchise Fees, Grants, and Individual Donors. Last year we hired a new Executive Director who specializes in 501c3 Fundraising with years of success of diversifying stations' funding strategies. In just her first year, she has raised an additional \$50k in donations alone, and created a County-wide initiative known as the BOLD Day Of Giving that will benefit all non-profits who chose to participate with a regional giving day. We will continue to receive PEG Funds, benefit from the regional giving day, and continue to write grants, ensuring the benefit to all of Humboldt County in perpetuity.

8. 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?*

We are currently funded by the PEG Fees assessed to the Cable Providers in Humboldt County. We also write grants, offer underwriting/sponsorships, and accept donations from individual and businesses.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

The Measure Z Funds would be matched with our current PEG funds to deliver this program to Humboldt County.

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. *

This will not require expanded activity from another entity. Services will go on uninterrupted and will be delivered in a fashion that is far improved.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

\$7,410 a year in ongoing cloud services for OTT Distribution. Which we are fully capable of covering.

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.*

We are already asking for the portion of what we cannot afford at this time. With this one-time infusion of cash, we can get the equipment we need. We are providing everything else from the staffing, to the install, to the ongoing services. If you can please fund us at the full amount, we can deliver this mandatory compliance tool and much needed infrastructure to all of Humboldt County.

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Date*

Signature*

Type Approving Official's Name

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Access Humboldt	Address: PO Box
Coordinator/Contact: Christina Marie Jeffers, E.D.	Phone: 916-919-

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title: Already covered by other funds	0			
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title: Already covered by other funds	0.00			
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:				
	0.00	0	0	0
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: Equipment: TelVue Hypercaster	80,680.00			80680
Server. 12 HD-SDI ports, 8 playback or encode I/Os standard, expandable to 20, MAX 12 Playback. SDI & IP Switching, Graphics, Scheduling & Automation. 2RU, Redundant Power, 11TB RAID6. Streaming output license for AIO channel. H.264 HD/SD, AAC audio. RTMP, HLS with Adaptive Bit Rate. Up to 5 simultaneous destinations, control manually or via Streaming Automation Rules. Supports CloudCast, Social Media, CDNs and more. Professional, real-time Loudness Control plugin for ProVue and AIO channels. Pro Broadcast and Streaming presets including CALM. Industry leading audio processing engine from Linear Acoustic. Capture HD/SD IP streams on schedule or manually and store as a file for playback or transfer to another device. MPEG-2 TS unicast/multicast/SSM, RTMP, HLS (single rate). Max 2 Captures on B100 and 4 Captures on B1000. Switcher Control Software, Supported Switcher HyperCaster Archiving Module enables integration with any standard NAS running SMB or FTP for advanced archiving workflow. Scheduled archived content will automatically be retrieved to server for payout. Shipping charge included for HyperCaster-AIO				
Click on box for whole description. B2000/TPCL SmartCaptionTM LIVE channel license				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>				
	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Title: Supplies				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under Description: \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>				
	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or Description: contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or				
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>				
	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:				
	0.00	0	0	0
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel				
Description: Describe local travel and connection to your project				
Title: Out of County Travel				
Description: Describe out of county travel and connection to your project				
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:				
	0.00	0	0	0

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Access Humboldt	Address: PO Box
Coordinator/Contact: Christina Marie Jeffers, E.D.	Phone: 916-919

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title:				
Description:				
Title:				
Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0

Totals	80,680.00	0.00	0.00	80,680.00
	Current			
	Requested Budget	Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45199

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria

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Contact Person*

Kayla San Filippo

Title*

Grant Writer

Phone Number*

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Email*

grants@brb-nsn.gov

Project Title*

Transitional Living House

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

130035.55

Agency Priority

N/A - I am only submitting one application

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

58849.28

Salaries %*

45.26

Benefits**Benefits Amount***

7491.27

Benefits %*

5.76

Overhead and Occupancy(Administrative, Rent, Utilities,
Phones, etc.)**Overhead/Occupancy Amount***

0

Overhead/Occupancy %*

0

Equipment/Supplies/Services**Equip./Services/Supplies Amount***

62695

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

48.21

Transportation/Travel**Transportation/Travel Amount***

1000

Transportation/Travel %*

0.77

Fixed Assets**Fixed Assets Amount***

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL**Total Amount of Application***

13035.55

TOTAL 100%**2. ENTITY TYPE***

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

Tribal Government

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

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

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria is seeking funding to expand programming and prolong existing limited funding for its Transitional House that serves Native American community members, not limited to Bear River members. Funding will support three areas: 1) operating costs for maintenance, wages of the House Manager, and subsidized rent costs for those who cannot afford it. 2) Preventative Outreach at Loleta Elementary School, focusing on early support, community connection, and positive adult role modeling to reduce future housing and social instability. 3) The program will expand through the creation of a community service work-supported woodyard that provides job skills, structured work opportunities, and a sustainable revenue source to support ongoing operations.

The current version of the Transitional Living house provides services focusing on helping residents complete educational pathways, develop employable skills, secure sustainable employment, and ultimately transition into permanent housing. The Transitional house drug tests weekly and as needed. The House helps with transportation to mental health and SUD outpatient programs throughout the county, as well as with medication pickup.

Proposed expansion efforts to this program include: Preventive outreach at Loleta School, subsidizing beds for those who cannot afford to stay at the transitional house, and creation of a woodyard to help raise funds to sustain the program. Our prevention efforts will help identify issues early and reduce escalation, decreasing the likelihood of families in crisis and the need for entry into transitional housing.

5. 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?*

The Transitional Living House (TLH) is a 24/7 stabilization service that absorbs demand before it becomes a sheriff/Fire call. The TLH helps stabilize individuals who are at high risk of housing insecurity by providing structured support and access to services. The TLH serves individuals reentering the community following incarceration, people in recovery from substance use disorders, and individuals experiencing homelessness—reducing reliance on emergency systems and supporting a safer, healthier Humboldt County.

This proposal aligns directly with the intent of Measure Z by maintaining essential housing services while strengthening early intervention and prevention efforts that improve long-term public safety. Stable housing reduces emergency service use, law enforcement involvement, and crisis-driven responses, while supportive supervision and case management promote accountability, wellness, and community integration.

The youth outreach component extends public safety benefits upstream. By providing early, non-duplicative support in partnership with local schools, the program helps identify needs before they escalate into behavioral, academic, or housing crises. Activities will emphasize Native community peer support, emotional regulation, and positive decision-making, all of which are protective factors against future involvement with emergency or justice systems. We will work one on one with students and teachers to provide cultural supports, group activities, guest speakers such as addiction specialists, as age appropriate, and Youth-appropriate substance-abuse awareness outreach.

The proposed scope is intentionally measured and realistic. It builds on existing staff expertise, established partnerships, and culturally responsive practices, ensuring services are effective without overextension. By addressing both immediate housing needs and the root causes of instability, the project improves community safety while sustaining essential services.

While the Transitional Living House (TLH) serves multiple purposes, the most urgent need it addresses is the disproportionate harm experienced by Native people in Humboldt County. Data from the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Public Health Branch's Community Health Improvement Plan for 2022–2027 show that Native Americans experience homelessness at rates far exceeding their share of the population. The same report documents severe disparities in substance-related mortality, noting that between 2005 and 2021 the average drug overdose mortality rate for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) residents (64.7 per 100,000) was nearly twice that of White, non-Hispanic residents (36.0 per 100,000). In response to these inequities, the TLH provides a safe, stable, and culturally responsive living environment that supports recovery, reduces the risk of overdose and recidivism, and creates a foundation for long-term housing stability, health, and community reintegration for Humboldt County's AI/AN population.

The TLH has achieved its most significant success with former foster youth who have aged out of the system. We have a 100% success rate with this population, all of whom, after having nowhere else to go, have successfully transitioned to finding employment and securing their own housing. Furthermore, 80% of all individuals exiting the TLH housing program have successfully found sustainable employment and subsequently moved into their own homes.

Measure Z was approved by voters to maintain and improve essential services that protect the safety and well-being of Humboldt County residents — including 911 emergency response, rural ambulance and fire protection, 24-hour Sheriff's patrols, children's mental health services, emergency communications systems, and other essential general services. The Transitional Living House directly supports and protects those same systems.

By providing structured, 24-hour housing stabilization and coordinated support services for individuals exiting incarceration, experiencing homelessness, or recovering from substance use disorders, TLH reduces repeat 911 calls, lowers preventable emergency medical responses, and decreases avoidable contacts with law enforcement. Individuals who are housed, supervised, and connected to services are significantly less likely to cycle through jail, generate crisis responses, or require emergency intervention.

In this way, TLH is not separate from Measure Z's purpose — it advances it.

It maintains and improves essential county services by preventing system overload, stabilizing high-risk individuals before crises escalate, and protecting limited public safety resources so they remain available for true emergencies.

For these reasons, the Transitional Living House squarely aligns with Measure Z's mandate to preserve and strengthen essential general services in Humboldt County.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

The project will serve Native American residents of Humboldt County, with a primary focus on youth, adults, and families experiencing or at risk of housing instability. Core housing services will be provided through the Bear River Rancheria Transitional Living House, while outreach efforts will focus on Loleta Elementary School.

Initial school-based outreach will target Loleta Elementary School, with aspirations to expand to other Eel River Valley school districts post-project period if future funding secured. Program staff will work closely with educators, tribal representatives, and community partners to ensure services are responsive, culturally informed, and appropriately targeted.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The program's sustainability strategy is designed to reduce long-term dependence on Measure Z funds by combining earned revenue, existing limited funding, and community-based support into a stable, multi-source model. Measure Z funding will be used as a bridge to strengthen core operations while permanent revenue streams and external funding are further developed.

A central pillar of sustainability is the not-for-profit woodyard, which will function as both a workforce development program for TLH residents and a reliable earned-income source. The woodyard will produce and sell firewood locally, generating recurring revenue that will be reinvested directly into housing operations, staffing support, and program maintenance. Because demand for firewood is consistent, the woodyard provides predictable income while offering participants paid work experience, job skills, and structured daily engagement. Firewood is to be sourced from local volunteer property owners throughout the county.

In parallel, the program will actively pursue diversified grant funding from county, state, and private sources aligned with housing stability, behavioral health, substance use prevention, and workforce development. Measure Z funding will strengthen the program's infrastructure and data collection, enabling the Transitional Living House to demonstrate to future grantors our ability to achieve outcomes, meet reporting requirements, and remain competitive for multi-year grants.

Community-based fundraising (car washes etc) will continue to supplement earned and grant revenue. Existing relationships with local partners and schools will be leveraged to expand future fundraising and grantseeking efforts. These efforts reduce financial risk by preventing reliance on any single funding source.

Together, earned revenue, grant funding, and community support create a resilient and adaptable funding structure. This approach ensures the Transitional Living House can maintain services, respond to changing community needs, and continue operating beyond the Measure Z funding period without interruption.

8. 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 request is for the continuation and expansion of existing program services.

Current sources of funding for program services include Tribal Opioid Settlement funds which are limited and community-based fundraising activities such as car washes and event clean-up services, and donations. Tribal Opioid Settlement funds will not allow for expansion and are not guaranteed to last into 2027. We do expect to receive other separate Opioid Settlement funds at some point but currently the amount is undetermined and is not yet guaranteed.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *

If awarded funding, Bear River Rancheria Transitional Living House will leverage these funds to strengthen program stability and expand capacity by demonstrating successful outcomes, fiscal responsibility, and community impact. Awarded funds will be used to support core services, which will position the program to secure additional grants by showing proven effectiveness. The program will also use this funding to increase visibility and credibility within the community, encouraging additional contributions, partnerships, and community-based support efforts such as fundraising events, service activities, and revenue generation through the Woodyard. Additionally, receiving these funds will allow us to prolong use of our limited Opioid Settlement funds as we build up other funding sources; however, Measure Z allows us to greatly expand existing operation programming as previously detailed which will help leverage our success for our future fundraising efforts.

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. *

Only the outreach activity of the proposal requires the participation of another entity: Loleta School. Since we have been in conversation on what the program would look like at the school, we do not anticipate this partnership derailing. Included in our application are letters of support and a tentative MOA.

If Loleta School had to withdraw its support, the project is still effective and functional—we would just forgo funding the outreach portion of the program after reaching out to further schools in the event we could not find a replacement school partner.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

Yes

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

Yes, but this is a one-time funding request to prolong existing funding, increase projects and reach, and create sustainable funding sources.

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.*

If Bear River Rancheria Transitional Living House is awarded less than the full amount requested, the program can still be implemented, with adjustments. With limited funding we would prioritize funding the woodyard and subsidizing beds—however we are open to the suggestions of the Measure Z panel on which areas of our proposal to adapt.

Funding the woodyard is key to getting the program long-term sustainable, as we do not have existing funds to launch it with. Existing funding sources—including tribal Opioid Settlement funds, community fundraising, donations, and revenue from the Woodyard—will be leveraged to supplement awarded funds and maintain program effectiveness.

The Bear River Rancheria Transitional Living House has identified a minimal funding threshold required to keep the proposed projects feasible which is between \$70,000-\$90,000. At this level, core services can continue. However, some adjustments to the scope will be necessary if only minimal funding is received. If minimal funding was received, we'd need to cut the prevention/outreach portion of the program. If approximately \$20,000 was cut, we could reduce funding across the scope of the program in order to continue with the outreach/education at Loleta Elementary.

If we don't face substantial cuts, outcome expectations will still be prioritized on essential program impacts, including improved student emotional regulation, strengthened staff support, and maintained community partnerships. If we do face substantial cuts, we will still be able to uphold outcomes of program components One and Three by increasing bed availability, increasing workforce development opportunities, and decreasing the number of people on the streets.

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Program Budget

[Download the budget narrative](#), then upload using the button at right.

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Staffing Report

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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*

2/26/2026

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Signature*

Kayla San Filippo

Type Approving Official's Name

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Agency Name: Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria	Address: 266 Keisner Road, Loleta, CA 95551
Coordinator/Contact: Alan Miller, House Manager at	Phone: 707-733-1900

Descriptions	Requested	Current	Total of Prior	Remaining
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: House Manager at .70FTE Salary 46,529.6 Annually * .70 FTE at 23% fringe. Bear River uses an average fringe which translates to a breakdown of approximately the following depending on the month: Payroll Taxes 8.74%, Workers Comp 1.62%, 401k 1.45%, Health Insurance Benefits 11.19% Duties Description: House Manager will oversee and coordinate the program	32,570.72			32,570.72
	7,491.27			7,491.27

Title: Tribal Peer Support Specialists Salary 2 people*21/hr *12/hrs a week* 52.14 weeks Benefits None Duties Description: Support Specialists will work with Loleta school doing	26,278.56			26,278.56
				0.00

Title: Salary Benefits Duties Description:				0.00
				0.00

<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	58,849.28	0.00	0.00	58,849.28
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	7,491.27	0.00	0.00	7,491.27
Total Personnel:	66,340.55	0.00	0.00	66,340.55

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:				
	0.00	0	0	0.00

C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment- logsplitter Description: Log splitter for woodyard	4,500.00			
Title: Equipment- Chainsaw Description: Chainsaw x2 for woodyard	780.00			
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>				
	5,280.00	0	0	5,280.00

Title: Supplies- Laptop Description: Non equipment by tribe's standards. The House Manager does not	700.00			
Title: Supplies- Axe Description: Axe for woodyard	75.00			
Title: Supplies- Splitting mall Description: splitting mall \$90x2 for woodyard	180.00			
Title: Supplies- Safety gear Description: safety gear: headgear/face shields	180.00			
Title: Supplies- Chainsaw files Description: Chainsaw files for woodyard	35.00			
Title: Supplies - Earplugs Description: Earplugs for woodyard workers	120.00			
Title: Supplies -Chaps Description: Chaps for TLH woodyard workers	300.00			
Title: Supplies- Gloves Description: Gloves for TLH woodyard workers	250.00			
Title: Supplies- Bar oil Description: Bar oil for TLH woodyard workers	75.00			
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>				
	1,915.00	0	0	1,915.00

Title: Services/Other Operational Costs Description: Maintenance and upkeep: plumbing fixes, etc	6,000.00			
Title: Subsidized Beds Description: 10 beds for 12 months *\$400 cost per bed a month	49,500.00			
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>				
	55,500.00	0	0	55,500.00

Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	62,695.00	0	0	62,695.00
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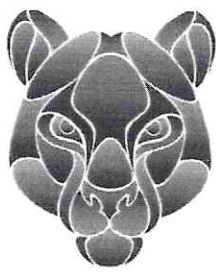
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)

Title: Local Travel Description: Gasoline for local travel to appointments, prescription	1,000.00			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:				
	1,000.00	0	0	1,000.00

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				

Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0.00	0	0	0.00
Totals	130,035.55	0.00	0.00	130,035.55
	Requested	Current	Prior Quarter	Remaining



Loleta

Union Elementary School District

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Loleta Union Elementary School District, I am pleased to formally express our strong support for the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria and its transitional living house application for Measure Z grant funding.

Our district is committed to collaborative partnerships that promote student well-being and long-term success. We fully support the integration of a youth advocate within our school community as part of this initiative. The presence of a dedicated advocate will provide mentorship, guidance, and meaningful support to youth, fostering resilience, encouraging positive coping strategies, and promoting engagement in civic and community activities.

We believe this partnership will significantly enhance the overall well-being of our students by cultivating a supportive environment that prioritizes mental health, cultural awareness, and empowerment. We look forward to working closely with the Bear River Band to implement this initiative and to further strengthen the support systems available to our students and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colton Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Colton Johnson

Superintendent Principal

Loleta Union Elementary School District

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bear River Rancheria's proposed integrated early-intervention and housing stability initiative. This project represents a thoughtful, proactive approach to addressing housing insecurity and family instability within our community. By embedding trained peer support workers at Loleta Elementary, this initiative prioritizes prevention — identifying young people and families who may be at risk before challenges escalate into crisis. Providing culturally responsive, trauma-informed support within the school environment will increase access to services, reduce stigma, and strengthen protective factors for students and their families.

Equally important is the development and sustainability of the transitional housing program. Safe, short-term accommodation combined with peer-led support, life-skills development, and pathways to permanent housing ensures that individuals and families receive not only shelter, but meaningful opportunities for long-term stability. Together, these interconnected components create a comprehensive continuum of care that reduces strain on emergency systems, promotes resilience, and strengthens community well-being. This proposal demonstrates both strategic vision and a deep understanding of the needs of vulnerable families. I strongly endorse this initiative and encourage your favorable consideration of funding support.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Wade

Wiyot Tribes Indian Education Site Lead at Loleta Union Elementary School

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Danette Kellerman, and I am a Social Worker and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Specialist serving in Humboldt County. I am writing to formally express my full support for the Bear River Rancheria Transitional Living House (TLH) in its continued efforts to secure additional resources to promote sobriety and long-term recovery within our community.

Through my professional experience, I have witnessed the significant need for culturally responsive and accessible recovery services. Far too often, Native American communities remain underserved and under-resourced when it comes to behavioral health and substance use treatment services. The work being done by the Bear River Rancheria TLH is not only vital but transformative in addressing these disparities and providing meaningful support to individuals and families on their path to recovery.

I strongly support their endeavors to obtain additional funding and resources, as these efforts will directly enhance services, strengthen community wellness, and promote sustained sobriety throughout Humboldt County. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach. 707-731-3282.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Danette Kellerman

Danette Kellerman
Social Worker & SUD Specialist of Humboldt County Ca

PO Box 586, Scotia Ca 95565

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Memorandum of Agreement

Between

Loleta Elementary School

And

Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes a collaborative partnership between Loleta Elementary School and the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria (“Bear River”) to provide coordinated early intervention, social-emotional, cultural, and supportive outreach services to students within the Loleta Elementary community.

The purpose of this MOA is to formalize roles, responsibilities, and shared commitments to ensure that TLH staff support students in a manner that strengthens classroom environments, uplifts cultural identity, and reinforces positive behavioral and academic outcomes.

II. Guiding Principles

The parties agree to operate under the following shared principles:

- Respect for Tribal sovereignty and cultural values
- Student-centered, strengths-based approaches
- Collaboration and mutual accountability
- Cultural responsiveness reflective of the Bear River community
- Early intervention to prevent escalation of behavioral or academic challenges

III. Scope of Collaboration

A. Build Rapport with Teachers First

Strong student relationships start with strong staff collaboration.

- Schedule brief introductory meetings with each teacher.
- Ask about classroom goals, challenges, and existing behavior/academic supports.
- Clarify roles so TLH staff are seen as partners, not additional oversight.
- Offer consistent presence and follow-through to build trust.

Key mindset: Listen first, support second.

B. Identify Teacher & Classroom Needs

Work collaboratively to determine where TLH staff can best assist:

- Students needing social-emotional support
- Attendance or engagement concerns
- Behavioral regulation strategies
- Cultural enrichment opportunities
- Family communication support

Use teacher insight as the primary guide for service planning.

C. Align Support with Student Needs

Once needs are identified:

- Coordinate small group or individual student check-ins
- Provide in-class support when appropriate
- Reinforce classroom expectations consistently

- Integrate culturally responsive practices that reflect the Bear River community

Consistency between teacher expectations and TLH support builds credibility with students.

D. Build Positive Rapport with Students

Strategies TLH Staff Can Use:

- Be visible and predictable in classrooms
- Learn students' names and interests quickly
- Use strengths-based language
- Show genuine curiosity and care
- Maintain clear, consistent boundaries

When students see alignment between teachers and TLH staff, trust grows more quickly.

E. Maintain Ongoing Communication

- Weekly or biweekly check-ins with teachers
- Quick feedback loops after student interactions
- Adjust support based on teacher input
- Celebrate student progress together

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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45204

Date Submitted: 2/26/2026

MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

Kimaw Medical Center

Mailing Address*

PO Box 1288

City*

Hoopa

Zip*

95546

Contact Person*

Ryan Zumalt

Title*

CEO

Phone Number*

530-625-4261

Email*

grants@kimaw.org

Project Title*

Measure Z

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

\$895,914.09

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

Agencies are encourage 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 here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

\$634,054.64

Salaries %*

100

Benefits**Benefits Amount***

\$111,548.45

Benefits %*

100

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

\$77,040.00

Overhead/Occupancy %*

100

Equipment/Supplies/Services**Equip./Services/Supplies Amount***

\$63,271.00

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

100

Transportation/Travel**Transportation/Travel Amount***

\$10,000.00

Transportation/Travel %*

100

Fixed Assets**Fixed Assets Amount***

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL**Total Amount of Application***

\$895,914.09

TOTAL 100%**2. ENTITY TYPE***

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

Hoopa Valley Tribe-Federally Qualified HealthCare Center

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

Yes

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.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

Measure Z is funded with the specific intent of funding 911 Emergency Response services, including rural ambulance and fire protection. Our application is to assist with the rural ambulance service for the Willow Creek community and surrounding areas.

The residents of Eastern Humboldt rely upon ambulatory services provided by K'ima:w Medical Center (an entity of the Hoopa Valley Tribe). K'ima:w Medical Center receives no other source of funding to operate its ambulance services and is using its own 3rd party revenue. The community consists of approximately 2,000 residents and 8,425 vehicles that pass through the segment of Hwy 299.

5. 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?*

Kimaw Medical Center is proposing that Measure Z fund the amount that it costs the Hoopa Valley Tribe to house and maintain the Willow Creek Ambulance base for ambulatory services, year-round. Without the funding the Tribe no longer has financial resources to support this lifesaving service to the residents/visitors in the Willow Creek area. Additionally, it will have an immediate impact on EMS services and significantly increase response time for an ambulance service to reach the residents and visitors in the Willow Creek area.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

Measure Z funding will help assist residents, travelers and visitors who live, work and travel in the Willow Creek area; from the Salyer bridge at the Trinity County line to the Redwood Creek bridge towards Eureka, CA. All populations are served with ambulatory services.

7. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

The Hoopa Valley Tribe will continue its efforts to seek funding sources for the Willow Creek ambulance base. Kimaw Medical Center currently commits to its own 3rd party revenue towards achieving financial viability for this life saving service. The leadership of the Tribe and the KMC CEO attend consultations and advocate for higher reimbursement rates for rural ambulances, which also includes regular Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) consultations.

Without the support of Measure Z funding the WC Ambulance base may not be able to remain open.

8. 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 application is to request for the continuation of funding for the current Willow Creek Ambulance base services. The current source of funding is \$325,000 each fiscal year from the current Measure Z funds which covers a portion of the costs and reimbursements of insurance claims for service with 3rd party revenue funds. The remaining costs to currently keep the ambulance service open are being covered by K'ima:w Medical Center.

9. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? *


KMC CEO will continue to negotiate with Trinity County to provide funding for a portion of the expenses incurred in Trinity County. This funding will offset a small portion of the overall budgeted amount. In addition, the Tribe will work with the neighboring Tribes (Yurok and Karuk) to negotiate an agreement to provide funding for its members who reside in the Willow Creek area.

Most importantly, the Leadership needs support from the Willow Creek community as this directly impacts access to continued ambulance services. It's critical the Willow Creek residents are provided with information regarding the need for additional funding and support to continue lifesaving ambulance services in their area.

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. *

No.

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

Yes 

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

Application consists of recurring expenses associated with running a full-time, year-round ambulance base which includes personnel (wages and fringe), ambulance building rental costs, pharmaceuticals, medical and office supplies, utilities, dues and fees, training/travel, dispatch fees, repairs and maintenance (ambulance), ambulance fuel, out of town ambulance coverage (as needed basis)

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.*

No, the project would be at risk of ending. At this time, the WC Ambulance base is under funded.

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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*

2/26/2026

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Signature*

Karen M Kyle KMC Grants Compliance Officer

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Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: Kimaw Medical Center	Address: PO Box 1288 Hoopa CA 95546
Coordinator/Contact: Ryan Zumalt, CEO	Phone: 530-625-4261

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
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A. Personnel Costs

Title: EMS Director/Paramedic Salary 57.13 Benefits 29.89% TERO tax, health, retirement, SUI, FICA, WC Duties Description: .5 FTE	59,415.20			59,415.20
	17,758.02			17,758.02
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Title: Ambulance Biller Salary 27.00 Benefits 38.27% TERO tax, health, retirement, SUI, FICA, WC Duties Description: .5 FTE Billing & Admin Duties	28,082.00			28,082.00
	10,747.39			10,747.39
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Title: Paramedic and EMT (2.5 Paramedic; 2.5 EMT) Salary 23.63/19.42 Benefits 28%/37.78% TERO tax. Health, retirement, SUI, FICA, WC Duties Description: 24 hour coverage	546,557.44			546,557.44
	83,043.04			83,043.04
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<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	634,054.64	0.00	0.00	634,054.64
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	111,548.45	0.00	0.00	111,548.45
Total Personnel:	745,603.09	0.00	0.00	745,603.09

B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)

Title: Rent, Comm., Waste removal, water, Propane, electricity Dispatch \$50,000, rent \$12,900, Comm \$4,000, Trash \$540 water \$1,800, Propane \$2,400, Elec. \$5,400 dues fees/sub Description: \$3,000	77,040.00			
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:				
	77,040.00	0	0	77040

C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)

Title: Equipment (Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to . Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)	0.00			
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>				
	0.00	0	0	0
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Title: Supplies Medical (pharmaceuticals) \$5,000, gases \$2,000, Non- Description: medical supplies, office and admin. Supplies, employee	19,650.00			
Title: Other medical supplies Description: Ambulance medical supplies	5,000.00			
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>				
	24,650.00	0	0	24650
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Title: Services/Other Operational Costs Arcata/Mad River Ambulance coverage: \$4,500, Ambulance maintenance Description: & fuel \$32,000,	33,300.00			
Title: Maintenance Fee Description: Ambulance gurneys	5,321.00			
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>				
	38,621.00	0	0	38621
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:				
	63,271.00	0	0	63271

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

Title: Local Travel Description: Minimal local travel expenses when necessary	5,000.00			
Title: Training Description: Over the Bank Rescue, CPR, ACLS, PALS, etc	5,000.00			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:				
	10,000.00	0	0	10000

E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)

Title: Description:				
Title: Description:				
Total Fixed Asset Costs:				
	0	0	0	0

Totals	895,914.09	0.00	0.00	895,914.09
Requested Budget		Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance

Prior Year (2024-2025) Results

The Willow Creek Ambulance is fully staffed with ALS coverage 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The ambulances are equipped with highly advanced ALS equipment, which includes 12-lead heart monitors, external pacing, auto blood pressure cuffs, and pulse oximeters, three new North Western Bronze Star ambulances. All three vehicles are non-GSA and were custom made to fit our rural area needs; ambulances can now hold two patients comfortably at a time, advanced intubation equipment, C-pap (advanced breathing equipment), and interosseous advanced IV equipment.

Crews are trained in low angle rope rescue, and the ambulance carries 800 feet of rope and hardware to descend/ascend with the patient, and equipment to extricate the patient when needed. We are also equipped with water rescue equipment and have swift water awareness. Paramedics maintain high skill levels and ongoing continuous education training consisting of 48 hours every 2 years. Some paramedics maintain licensure with the National Registry which consists of 72 hours of training every 2 years. This past year staff received ongoing training: Pre-Hospital /Trauma Life Support training, Neonate, ACLS, and PALS.

Willow Creek ambulance responded to 215 calls generated by the Willow Creek area of the calls; 34 calls were motor vehicle accidents (MVA) and of those 28 were transported. KMC Willow Creek ambulance service responded to 175 medical calls of those calls 39 were critical medical response calls, other injuries: 44 calls and of those calls 6 critical, 1 life-flighted patient, 1 over the bank rescue and 8 deaths. KMC ambulances continue to receive opioid-related calls and transport if needed.

The average transport time is 4 hours round trip depending on weather. When both the Willow Creek and Hoopa Ambulance are out of the response area due to transport to the hospital, K'ima:w Medical Center calls Arcata-Mad River Ambulance to provide ALS standby coverage. Additionally, during the past year weather and smoke from wildfires frequently challenged helicopter/life flights response, making ground transport essential for community needs in our rural response area.

K'ima:w Medical Center respectfully requests the additional \$125,000 that was removed in prior years to be reinstated back into the budget.

Thank you for your consideration and support for continued funding to serve the Eastern part of Humboldt County. We are very grateful for your support and continue to aim to serve the Humboldt Community to the best of our ability.



WILLOW CREEK
AMBULANCE

FUNDED BY MEASURE Z

63 WILLOW WAY



FY 2026-27 Measure Z Requests

App #	Agency and Project	Amount Requested	Eligibility Vote			Primary Ranking: Vote Count				Secondary Ranking				Third Ranking			
			Yes	No	Eligible?	1st Ranking	1st Ranking	1st Ranking	1st Ranking	2nd Ranking	2nd Ranking	2nd Ranking	2nd Ranking	3rd Ranking	3rd Ranking	3rd Ranking	3rd Ranking
						Highest 1	2	Lowest 3	Total	Highest 1	2	Lowest 3	Total	Highest 3	2	Lowest 3	Total
1	Fortuna Police Department Eel River Valley School Resource Officer	\$ 249,962															
2	Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, Teen Court Teen Court Diversion Program	\$ 20,000															
3	Department of Aviation ARFF Truck Replacement Local Match	\$ 68,827															
4	Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Highway Safety Initiative	\$ 84,507															
5	Arcata Police Department Juvenile Diversion Program	\$ 198,941															
6	North Coast Rape Crisis Team Child Abuse Services Team Advocacy and Support Services	\$ 57,900															
7	City of Trinidad Water System Critical Equipment Replacements	\$ 17,000															
8	Humboldt County Drug Task Force Humboldt County Drug Task Force Operational Support	\$ 80,872															
9	Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association Humboldt County Fire and Emergency Support Services	\$ 1,034,018															
10	Department of Aviation Turnout Gear Replacement	\$ 23,337															
11	Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District Helistop for Emergency Medical Evacuations	\$ 29,000															
12	Access Humboldt Digital Infrastructure for Access Humboldt	\$ 80,680															
13	Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Transitional Living House	\$ 130,036															
14	Kimaw Medical Center Emergency Ambulatory Services for Eastern Humboldt County	\$ 570,914															
Total Requested		\$ 2,645,993															

Projected Funding Available \$ 1,650,000

Amount Requested Over Allocation \$ 995,993