



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON *MEASURE Z* EXPENDITURES

The Advisory Committee meets on each Wednesday in March to review applications and will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in April.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name: City of Fortuna

Mailing Address: 621 11th Street, Fortuna, CA 95540

Contact Person: Mike Downey Title: Interim Police Chief

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2020-2021: \$177,435.22

2. ENTITY TYPE -- Please check appropriate box.

- a. Humboldt County Department
- b. Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- c. Local Government Entity
- d. Private Service Provider
- e. Non-Profit Service Provider
- f. Other, Describe: _____

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

The reduction of drug crimes through the investigation of individuals and organization involved in narcotics trafficking, seizure of assets acquired through narcotics trafficking, and the promotion of coordinated narcotics enforcement efforts among the various law enforcement agencies in Humboldt County to reduce the manufacture, distribution and sale of illegal drugs.

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

This request is for the use of Measure Z funding to provide funding for salary, benefits and equipment costs associated with the Fortuna Police Officer assigned as a Drug Task Force Officer assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force.



5. 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?

We understand that this funding has a sunset clause and Measure Z funding beyond 2021 is unclear. The City of Fortuna is actively working on several revenue enhancing strategies, to include City fee increases, staff restructuring and continuing to build and solidify sales tax revenue by making Fortuna an attractive venue to locate or re-locate businesses.

6. 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 Drug Task Force Officer is currently funded by Measure Z.

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

The grant request will continue funding of one full-time police officer assigned as a Drug Task Force Officer. The City General Fund will be leveraged for management, benefits, equipment, etc. to support the position.

The continuation of a sworn police officer position assigned to the DTF will allow the FPD to be in a better position to obtain various local, state and federal grant funding to curb the distribution and use of illegal drugs. The FPD will also be in a position to obtain a share of the asset forfeiture funds distributed through the County Drug Task Force.

8. 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



9. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? Please check yes or no: YES NO

If you checked yes, detail those expenses here:

Pay:	
Base Pay	\$ 57,457.88
Incentive Pay for SRO/DTF (5%)	2,872.89
Longevity Pay (5%)	2,872.89
Advanced POST Cert	6,600.00
Uniform Allowance	1,000.00
Residency Incentive	600.00
Subtotal Employee Pay	\$ 71,403.67
Holiday Pay (paid out once a year)	\$ 3,295.55
Overtime Pay	\$ 15,000.00
Benefits:	
Medicare - Employer Portion (FICA)(1.45%)	1,083.14
Medical Insurance - Employer Portion	25,699.53
CalPERS Required Employer Contribution	15,263.16
CalPERS Employer Normal Cost (23.674%)	16,904.10
Workers' Compensation (15.8060%)	11,286.06
Total Employee Benefits	\$ 70,236.00
Total Employee Pay and Benefits	\$ 159,935.22
Overhead and Occupancy Costs (~10%)	\$ 12,500.00
Mandated POST Training	2,500.00
Total Operating Costs	\$ 15,000.00
Travel	\$ 2,500.00
Total Travel Costs	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 177,435.22



REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS — Be sure to include the following with your application

Proposal Narrative: Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or improves public safety. (*one page maximum*)

Prior Year Results: If your request is a continuation of a program funded with *Measure Z* in prior fiscal years, please provide the results of implementation. (*one page maximum*)

Program Budget: Please utilize the template provided on the following pages. This will need to be updated if your agency is approved for funding.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statements and all attachments are true and correct

DATE: 2/14/2020

SIGNATURE: 

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

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

CITY OF FORTUNA POLICE: DRUG TASK FORCE OFFICER
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES
Attachment 1 – Proposal Narrative

The Fortuna Police Department is very proud of the working relationships we have fostered with many county agencies. The Fortuna Police Department works very closely with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Mental Health, County Probation and many other county agencies.

Upon inception of Measure Z, it is estimated that Measure Z would generate roughly \$1,000,000 per year within the city limits of Fortuna. The City of Fortuna is the fastest growing incorporated city in Humboldt County and the police department has seen the total number of calls for service almost double in the past twelve years, from roughly 11,000 CFS in 2005 to nearly 24,000 CFS in 2019. With a city population of nearly 13,000, the City of Fortuna serves as the "hub" of the Eel River Valley as the major shopping and business center for the area.

Currently the FPD has a sworn officer assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, funded by Measure Z. This officer has given the FPD a presence at the DTF and allowed the FPD to assist and participate in drug enforcement operations throughout Humboldt County. (Refer to **Prior Year Results** for detailed analysis of the position). This will be the 5th year that a Fortuna Police Officer is assigned to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at the end of this proposed funding cycle. Our officer has become a valued and integral member of the DTF team. Since 2015, the Fortuna officer assigned to the DTF has been instrumental in drug investigations resulting in the arrests of many high level drug dealers, including those affiliated with major drug trafficking organizations, has lead or had direct involvement in investigations resulting in very large seizures of monetary and property assets, and illegal drugs. This continued success has severely reduced drug sales and distribution within Humboldt County.

The Fortuna Police Officer assigned to the Drug Task Force is currently leading or assisting in several high profile and large-scale investigations. In addition to his duties with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, our agent has been a resource to all of the law enforcement agencies in the Eel River Valley and has provided assistance and direction in many local law enforcement drug related cases.

The cost to continue to provide this police officer to the DTF with salary, benefits and outfitting, is approximately \$177,435.22 per year. The Fortuna Police Chief continues to have an active role as a member of the Executive Board of the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. The Fortuna Police Department and the Humboldt County Drug Task Force look forward to continuing this relationship, making all of Humboldt County a safer and better place to live, work and enjoy.

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Attachment 2 – Prior Year Results

The Fortuna Police Department was very fortunate to receive funding through Measure Z for fiscal year 2019/2020. Measure Z funding was provided to the City of Fortuna to assign a sworn police officer to the Humboldt County Drug Task Force. With measure Z funding, a Fortuna Police Officer has been assigned to the DTF since August 21, 2015.

This agent is a valued and integral member of the DTF team. The commander of the DTF continues to be very complimentary on the work ethic and tangible results he has seen with our DTF agent. The FPD Officer assigned to the DTF has been directly responsible for making many drug related arrests within the Eel River Valley this past year, as well as assisting the DTF team with many other arrests throughout the county while at the DTF. In fiscal year 2019/2020 our agent played a major role in identifying and serving several search warrants on a suspected major methamphetamine and heroin drug distribution operation that was based in the Eel River Valley. This investigation resulted in the seizure of POUNDS of methamphetamine and POUNDS of heroin, and several suspected drug cartel associates were arrested. In fact, the FPD officer assigned to the DTF was part of the team that made the biggest seizure of methamphetamine ever seen in Humboldt County. This seizure was in the Eel River Valley.

In this past year, our agent has assisted in large scale drug busts, including the seizure of several pounds of methamphetamine, heroin seizures, and worked surveillance and undercover operations in locations all over Humboldt County which have resulted in the seizure of \$762,345 of dollars in cash, assets and property from drug related arrests and operations.

Measure Z funds for the DTF agent has made a positive impact in our department, the communities in the Eel River Valley and countywide. Since being assigned to the DTF, our agency continues to see a dramatic rise in drug enforcement activity in the Eel River Valley. This agent has been responsible for, or assisted in, many large scale drug busts in not only the ERV, but the entire county. Our agent has executed several search warrants, gone undercover and worked with confidential informants in the drug trade.

The FPD officer assigned to DTF reports weekly to the FPD admin and the Chief of Police is briefed monthly on all cases handled by DTF in the County. Our DTF agent is a full-time member of the DTF team and has taken on many ancillary duties within the DTF office. He is well liked by the other agents and staff at the DTF office and has made a beneficial and positive addition to the DTF office resulting in direct and positive contributions to curtail illegal drug operations in Humboldt County.



ATTACHMENT 3 - EXHIBIT A
Fortuna Police Department
 2020/21 Budget

2/14/20

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Bi	Remaining Balance	
A. Personnel Costs				
Title: Drug Task Force Agent Salary and Benefits Calculation: <u>Hourly Rate: \$34.33 (Includes Holiday pay)</u>	74,699			
Duties Description:				
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation: Overtime	15,000			
Duties Description:				
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation: Benefits- Health & Welfare, Retirement, Workers' Compensation,	70,236			
Duties Description:				
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation:			0.00	
Duties Description:				
Total Personnel:		159,935	0	0.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)				
Title: Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc				
Description: Occupany and Overhead Costs	12,500			
Title: Training Costs				
Description: Mandated POST training	2,500	0	0.00	
Title: Special Expense				
Description: Operational Gear / Equipment		0	0.00	
Title:				
Description:				
Total Operating Costs:		15,000	0	0.00
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)				
Title: Supplies				
Description: General Office Supplies - Paper, files, etc.		0		
Title: Vehicle Fuel				
Description:			0.00	
Title:				



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Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Consumable/Supplies:			
	0	0	0.00
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)			
Title: Travel	2,500		0.00
Description: Travel Costs related to training for DTF Officer	0	0	0.00
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:			
	2,500	2,500	0.00
E. Fixed Assets			
Title: Vehicle			
Description:			0.00
Title:			
Description:	0		
Total Other Costs:			
	0	0	0.00
Budget Total:			
	177,435	0	\$0.00