



### 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: Southern Trinity Volunteer Fire Department

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2020-2021: \$ 17,000.00

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? **See Attachment-1**

4. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding. **See Attachment-1**



6. 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? See Attachment-1

7. 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?

Community fundraisers, Donations, Grants, Ruth Lake CSD Contributions, Mandated reimbursements from the State funneled through Trinity county. (2019 \$1,642.86)

8. If you are awarded *Measure Z* funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? See Attachment-1

9. 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.

10. 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:



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

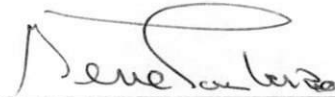
**Proposal Narrative:** Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or improves public safety. (one page maximum)

**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: February 18, 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

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## ATTACHMENT-1

3: By providing the funding being requested, it will enable Southern Trinity VFD to maintain its current uninterrupted level of service for the protection of lives, property and the environment within the STVFD service area of Southern Trinity and Eastern Humboldt counties.

4: Southern Trinity VFD is applying for funding to pay for our Firefighters 2020-2021 year Workers Compensation Insurance with an estimated premium cost of \$17,000. This funding would serve to bridge the gap in the department's operational funding deficit. Our Workers Comp premiums are determined by the number of firefighters on the Department's active roster. To lower the insurance premium, Southern Trinity VFD would be forced to reduce the number of its volunteer firefighters, which would have a negative impact on public safety.

6: Since its inception, Southern Trinity VFD has been funded in part by Ruth Lake CSD, community fundraisers, donations, grants and USFS/Cal Fire mutual aid payments. Over the years increased regulations, among other factors, have resulted in escalating operational costs, which now exceed the revenue we are able to bring in through legacy funding sources. As a result, the Department has recently been forced to tap into its small Capital Expenditure reserve as a means of funding day to day operations. Southern Trinity VFD's request for Measure-Z funding will buy us time to continue exploring alternative long-term revenue sources.

8: This request for funding is to supplement the operational funding necessary to enable Southern Trinity VFD to maintain its current level of emergency services. Southern Trinity VFD is continually exploring grant opportunities and has been somewhat successful in its recent grant requests. For example, Coast Central Credit Union has awarded funding to purchase much needed SCBAs. Measure Z funding will serve as a catalyst for our Volunteer First Responders and the community. It will affirm that Humboldt County realizes the financial challenges facing emergency service providers in our outlying rural communities and that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

**Proposed Budget**  
**Agency Name: Southern Trinity Volunteer Fire Department**

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget	Remaining Balance
<b>A. Personnel Costs</b>			
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation:			0.00
Duties Description:			
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<b>Total Personnel:</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)</b>			
Title: FASIS WORKER COMPENSATION Description: 1ST QTR PAYMENT	4,250.00		
Title: FASIS WORKER COMPENSATION Description: 2ND QTR	4,250.00		
Title: FASIS WORKER COMPENSATION Description: 3RD QTR	4,250.00		
Title: FASIS WORKER COMPENSATION Description: 4TH QTR	4,250.00		
<b>Total Operating Costs:</b>		<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)</b>			
Title:			
Description:			
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Description:			
<b>Total Consumable/Supplies:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## SOUTHERN TRINITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Southern Trinity Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1991 and is a Bi-County entity authorized to provide Fire Protection/Emergency Services within the Ruth Lake Community Service District under authority of California Government Code 61600 (D). Our service area of 690 square miles mirrors Ruth Lake CSD boundary lines in Southern Trinity/ Eastern Humboldt (Dinsmore area) Counties and west along the Highway 36 corridor. To provide the needed community Fire protection/emergency services for a population of 2,000+ the Department has three Firefighter Battalions strategically located at Mad River, Ruth Lake and Hettenshaw Valley. Southern Trinity VFD is a non-profit public benefit Corporation and as such all Board Members and Fire Dept personnel are volunteers and not compensated for their services. The Department receives no funds via public tax dollars except for monies received from USFS/Calfire for mutual aid, and relies solely on community fundraisers, donations, grants and contributions to fund its day to day operations.

As with most rural volunteer fire departments, our firefighter equipment consists of hand me downs donated by larger publicly funded fire departments. Gear is often mismatched, worn and close to the end of its useful service life. The same applies to our fire engines. Our two newest structure engines are nearly 30 years old. A Fire Equipment Reserve Fund was established for the sole purpose of replacing PPEs, augmenting fire equipment grants and as a cash reserve in case of a major component failure in one of our fire engines. Funds received from USFS/Calfire for mutual aid are deposited to this fund. For the past several years, due to escalating costs, the Department's General Operating Fund, which is funded by donations, fundraisers and contributions has been unable to cover STVFD's yearly operational cost (insurance, fuel, utilities, maintenance, etc.). The deficit has been on the average of \$15,000 per year. Southern Trinity VFD's workers comp premium for 2019-2020 was \$18,824. Money from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund is now being used to cover this deficit. This "rob Peter to pay Paul" may be a short term solution, but unless this trend changes, Southern Trinity VFD will have to face the ugly fact of downsizing, curtailing services or face insolvency.

Southern Trinity VFD is requesting Measure Z funding in the amount of \$17,000 to help offset the cost of the 20/21 policy year workers comp premium as a means of bridging the gap in the anticipated operational funding deficit. This request for funding is paramount to maintaining Southern Trinity VFD's mission of providing an acceptable level of fire/emergency services to the Trinity/Humboldt county residents, recreationist and those utilizing the Hwy 36 corridor within Southern Trinity VFD geographical service area. We realize that Measure Z funds available to exterior agencies is limited, thus making the Citizens' Advisory Committee's task incredibly challenging. That being said, if Southern Trinity VFD request for funding in anyway impedes, jeopardizes or reduces Southern Trinity Area Rescue (STAR) funding request, we respectfully withdraw this application.

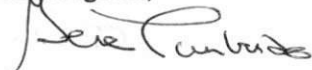
If you have any question with regard to my request, please feel free to contact me.

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Thanking you for your consideration,

Kind regards,



Gene Lombardo, Chair