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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

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Contact Person: Casey J. Day

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Title: Chief of Police

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2022-2023: \$40,000.00

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

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

The City of Fortuna has successfully re-established the police K9 program without Measure Z funding. However, augmented funding from Measure Z is necessary to mitigate operating costs associated with personnel, call outs, and unscheduled requests for assistance from allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. The new K9 program will allow the FPD to have multi-purpose capabilities including: Drug detection, criminal apprehension, assistance with tracking capabilities for serious offenders and in locating missing persons. The K9 program dramatically improves officer safety, improves de-escalation ability, improves event security, deters criminals from fleeing, deters criminal activity, and reduces aggression toward law enforcement officers that may otherwise turn violent. Finally, the K9 program will improve the overall public relationships within the community.



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

The City of Fortuna has successfully re-established the police K9 program without Measure Z funding. However, augmented funding is necessary to mitigate operating costs associated with personnel, call outs, and unscheduled requests for K9 assistance from allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. Specifically, this request is for the use of Measure Z funding for salary and equipment costs associated with the departments two K9 teams. Funds will be primarily used to provide compensation of overtime costs associated with the K9 handler(s) response to assist sworn personnel with K9 specific law enforcement needs including requests by allied agencies throughout Humboldt County. Funding will also be utilized for ongoing professional training, care, and the equipment needed to ensure a quality K9 program is available to the Humboldt region which possesses a full spectrum of K9 specific deployment capabilities.

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?

We understand that this funding has a sunset clause and that Measure Z funding beyond 2022 - 2023 is unclear. The City of Fortuna is actively working on several revenue enhancing strategies specific to K9 funding, to include leveraging available funding from Fortuna's Measure E (a general sales tax measure), for the first K9 team and utilizing community fundraising for the second K9 team. Fundraisers have included but have not been limited to: community donations, FPD K9 t-shirt sales, and other department driven fundraisers. Measure Z funding would be utilized for both teams.

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?

Measure E funding is being utilized for the first K9 team. Community Donations and fundraisers are currently being utilized to fund the second K9 team.

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

The City will use this funding to leverage additional grants to support the program. The Fortuna Police Department was successful in securing grants through the American Kennel Club which assisted with procurement of the two current K9 teams. The department has also submitted for additional grants but has not yet been successful thus far. At least two grant applications are currently active and being considered.

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. The Fortuna Police Department's K9 teams are in place, shovel ready, and currently deployed. Funding will broaden capabilities and ensure the survival of this program.



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:

K-9 Handler Stipend	\$ 4,037.00
Overtime	16,000.00
Benefits of Handler	500.00
Occupancy and Overhead Costs	5,000.00
Training Costs	10,000.00
Dog Food	1,200.00
Vet Expenses, Grooming and Boarding	3,263.00
Total	\$ 40,000.00



REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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

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: 02/11/2022

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: SCHOOL RESOURCE 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 Sheriffs' Department, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Mental Health, County Probation and many other county agencies.

Upon inception of Measure Z the City Finance Department 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.

Since July of 2020, the Fortuna Police Department has worked diligently to re-establish the department's K-9 program. Prior to this time, the department went without this vital resource for over two years. As Chief of Police, my overarching goal was to re-establish the program to serve not only Fortuna, but to serve the region of Humboldt County and to provide a tangible tool for our allied agencies. Fortuna K-9 teams have assisted our allied agencies on a number of occasions (since re-establishment) for those law enforcement missions requiring the use of our K-9 teams. In re-establishing our K-9 program, the department procured two Belgian Malinois. One of the two dogs is a dual purpose patrol/apprehension and narcotic detection dog. The other is also slated to be a dual purpose K-9 but to date has only completed patrol/apprehension school (as we wait for a narcotic course to start in the spring).

K-9 programs are not equal from department to department. K-9 teams are only as good as the work handlers and departments put into them. I strongly feel that Fortuna Police K-9's are the premier K-9 team within the region and that they will be utilized on an increasing basis throughout the region as our allied law enforcement partners call on us for assistance in detecting dangerous drugs and apprehending serious and violent offenders. In 2022-2023 our K-9 teams are slated to attend ongoing professional training which include but are not limited to: advanced tracking courses, article scenting, STABO operations, and possibly specialized tactical courses which can aid and assist the regional SWAT team.

In addition to the operational resources that Fortuna PD's K-9 corps offers the region, our K-9 teams are an important addition to the community at large. The dogs play a crucial role in bridging the gap of approachability between the police department and with members of the public who would otherwise not consider engaging with our police officers in conversations. Some examples include the significant amount of community contacts that occurred with our K-9 teams during the National Christmas Tree event, Fortuna Rodeo, and other major community events. In addition, our K-9 teams provide free demonstrations to youth groups, school children, and other notable community entities.

The overarching goal is to have the Fortuna Police K-9 corps ready to serve our regional community by way of requested mutual aid at any time and in any circumstance where a quality K-9 program would otherwise be a requirement of successful mission outcome. These capabilities require ongoing funding. The Fortuna Police K-9 program significantly contributes to the operational preparedness and operational capabilities of our regional law enforcement efforts. Additionally, the Fortuna Police Department hopes to keep this vital position in place and looks forward to continuing this relationship with the County and Measure Z, making all of Humboldt County and our Eel River Valley Schools a safer and better place to live, learn and enjoy.

CITY OF FORTUNA POLICE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON *MEASURE Z* EXPENDITURES
Attachment 2 – Prior Year Results

Does Not Apply: This is a first time request not historically funded by Measure Z.



ATTACHMENT 3 - EXHIBIT A
Fortuna Police Department
2022/2023 Budget

2/14/22

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved B	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs			
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation: <u>K-9 Officer Handler Stipend</u> Duties Description:	6,000		
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation: <u>Overtime</u> Duties Description:	15,000		
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation: <u>Benefits- medicare, etc</u> Duties Description:	500		
Total Personnel:	21,500	0	0.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)			
Title: Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc Description: <u>Occupany and Overhead Costs</u>	4,000		
Total Operating Costs:	4,000	0	0.00
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)			
Title: Description: <u>Dog Food</u>	1,200		
Title: Description: <u>Vet Expenses, Grooming, Boarding</u>	3,300		
Total Consumable/Supplies:	4,500	0	0.00
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)			
Title: <u>Travel/Training</u> Description: <u>Travel and Training Costs</u>	10,000		
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	10,000	0	0.00
Budget Total:	40,000	0	\$0.00