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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: Yurok Tribe Office of the Tribal Prosecutor

Mailing Address: 190 Klamath Blvd., Klamath, CA 95548

Contact Person: Rosemary Deck

Title: Prosecutor

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2022-2023: \$ 118,539

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 Yurok Tribe's ancestral territory includes large, rural swaths of Humboldt County. If granted, our proposal for the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor full-time Investigator will help improve public safety in the community by expanding the Tribe's efforts to solve Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people cases and grow the capacity to investigate and prosecute domestic violence crimes. Further, the creation of this position will result in an additional sworn officer who can support the Yurok Tribal Police, an agency which holds cross-deputization with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

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

One of the stated objectives for Measure Z funding is the investigation of violent crimes, including rape and domestic violence. Our proposal, if granted, would fund a full time investigator for our Office of the Tribal Prosecutor. This proposal also includes the funds to purchase a vehicle to help facilitate these investigations. Under the direction of the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, the investigator would focus on the ongoing emergency of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people (MMIWG2). Additionally, the Yurok Tribe has been authorized to assert Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction pursuant to the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The investigator would work with the Prosecutor and the Yurok Tribal Police to interview witnesses, investigate leads, receive training on cold-case protocols, and coordinate with state and federal agencies to help prosecute domestic violence crimes and re-examine cold cases.



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?

In order to sustain the growth of the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, our organization has pursued several federal and non-profit grant opportunities and sources of funding. By diversifying our funding sources, we increase the likelihood of generating ongoing funding to support the expansion of our department.

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?

The current source of funding for the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor is a Bureau of Justice Administration grant from the federal government.

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

Once we expand the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor by adding an investigator, we will be able to leverage that growth to seek funding that is more targeted towards technical assistance and support, such as training on cold case investigations, use of radar in rural investigations, collaboration with other justice partners and law enforcement agencies, and additional funding for the purpose of assert Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction.

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.

This proposal does not require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional.

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:

This funding would create the position of the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor Investigator, which would require recurring personnel costs in order to fund the salary for this position in perpetuity.



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. You may also download this as an excel using this link:
<https://humboldtgov.org/DocumentCenter/View/102873/Measure-Z-Proposed-Budget-Template---FY-2022-23>

DATE: 2/18/2022

SIGNATURE:

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

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

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

Measure Z Proposal 2022:

Yurok Tribe Office of the Tribal Prosecutor
Funding for Investigator and Vehicle

On behalf of the Yurok Tribe, we are seeking your support and assistance to address the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) that continues to be inadequately addressed across the nation. The research, data, and interviews conducted by the Yurok Tribe and their outside partners indicate that MMIP cases lack the appropriate response, follow-through, and conclusions necessary to produce results that will lead to the prevention of and response to the ongoing loss of Native American peoples.

The Yurok People represent the largest surviving Tribe in California. The Yurok Tribe is requesting assistance in building an adequate internal infrastructure and obtaining the tools and personnel necessary for the Tribe to combat this crisis head-on, and begin to make headway in prevention and intervention. More specifically, we are requesting your financial support by funding a **full-time investigator** and a **vehicle** to be used for investigations. The projected budget for these items is \$65,000 for the salary plus \$23,539 for fringe and benefits. Additionally, the projected cost of the vehicle for the investigator is \$30,000. In total, we are seeking **\$118,539**.

Northern California has the highest number of MMIP cases compared to the rest of the state. The Yurok Tribal Council recently issued an emergency declaration to raise awareness about the ongoing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis. By hiring an investigator to work with the Tribal Prosecutor, these MMIP cases can receive the scrutiny and careful attention that they deserve.

The Yurok Tribe has recently created the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, which is responsible for all prosecutions, civil, and criminal on the Yurok Reservation. Additionally, the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor will prosecute domestic violence crimes pursuant to jurisdiction granted through the federal Violence Against Women Act. This office also works closely with the Yurok Tribe's MMIP program, To' Kee Skuy' Soo Ney-Wo-Chek'. There is a need for a dedicated investigator to lead the MMIP and Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction investigations, and to work collaboratively with county prosecutors and law enforcement agencies on crimes that occur off the reservation.

Staffing and equipment are necessary tools to begin to contend with the existing cases and to prevent future losses. The Prosecutor's investigator is necessary as we begin identifying, investigating, and resolving outstanding case files within Northern California. County law enforcement agencies are understaffed due to a staffing crisis facing all of California. Tribes are now, more than ever, having to rely on their own resources to provide competent services. Jurisdictional boundaries can be a barrier for local law enforcement, but tribal people have inner-reservation connections to better respond to cases of MMIP. By hiring a dedicated Investigator to interview witnesses, follow leads, and respond to tips from the community, the Yurok Tribe will have more autonomy in the investigative process and will be able to supplement and support local law enforcement. The vehicle we propose purchasing with this award would allow for the investigator to move easily throughout our rural community, which is often rough and can be dangerous.

If our proposal is granted, the Yurok Tribe can build the infrastructure needed to begin policing, investigating, and prosecuting criminal matters involving MMIP and other violent crimes such as domestic violence. The purpose of Measure Z was to increase public safety within Humboldt County. By increasing the capacity of the Yurok Tribe to investigate and prosecute their own MMIP and domestic violence cases, the goal of bolstering public safety in the county can be achieved.

Exhibit E

PROPOSED BUDGET

Agency Name: Yurok Office of the Tribal Prosecutor
Coordinator/Contact: Rosemary Deck (Prosecutor)
Address: 190 Klamath Blvd., Klamath CA 95548
Phone: (707) 457-7612

Descriptions	Costs	Requested Budget	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs			
Title: Office of the Tribal Prosecutor Investigator	88,539.00	88,539.00	0
Salary and Benefits \$65,000 + \$23,539			
Duties Description: Investigate domestic violence and MMIWG2 cases			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Total Personnel:	88,539.00	88,539.00	0.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Operating Costs:	0	0	0
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Consumable/Supplies:	0	0	0

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Descriptions	Costs	Requested Budget	Remaining Balance
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0	0	0
E. Fixed Assets			
Title: Vehicle			
Description: SUV to respond to calls, investigations, witness statements &	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Other Costs:	30000	30000	0
Budget Total:	118,539.00		