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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: Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association (HCFCFA)

Mailing Address: PO Box 7014, Eureka CA 95502

Contact Person: Dale Unea Title: HCFCFA President

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2022-2023: \$ 2,732,609.15

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: Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association

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 Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association (HCFCFA) is seeking funding that would directly benefit volunteer/rural fire agencies with equipment, dispatch services, and out-of-jurisdiction response funding. Measure Z has been critical in maintaining rural fire protection and ambulance services in Humboldt County. HCFCFA surveys all 38 fire agencies in Humboldt County annually to determine their critical needs and submits a cohesive application that efficiently represents all fire agencies. As described in the ballot language., the funding will help "maintain rural fire and ambulance protection services", allowing our first responders to better - and more safely - protect County residents. These funding requests will be utilized to directly support this stated goal as approved by our County voters.



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

*HCFCFA is requesting Measure Z funding that would be applied to ensure that there will not be a reduction or degradation in current fire service responses. **First**, funding to equip firefighters to bring them up to a nationally recognized and CalFire required minimum level of safety equipment. Of 38 individual Humboldt County fire departments, 36 are made up entirely of volunteers. Members of these agencies struggle to provide safe and adequate response services to their communities due to extremely limited revenue sources. There are unmet and ongoing needs, such as replacing PPE, which have not been met previously due to prioritizing more significant needs that had to be addressed. **Second**, request to continue funding for dispatch fees incurred by all volunteer fire departments and Arcata Fire, which are currently performed by Cal Fire under a contract agreement. These communication/dispatch services are a key component for the successful response to emergencies within the county. Without a reliable communications system, first responders would not receive timely notification of emergencies. Funds are needed to directly maintain these services. **Third**, request to continue funding out-of-jurisdiction responses through Measure Z funding. This covers the area of 299/Redwood Creek/Mad River where three departments are covering the areas of neighboring jurisdictions when those jurisdictions cannot respond and where there are areas not within the boundaries of any fire district.*

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?

HCFCFA is working with the Humboldt County BOS Ad Hoc Fire Services Committee to establish long-term sustainability by securing funding through fire district and CSA formation and expansion, and through the identification of other strategies to sustain these services into the future. The allocation of a portion of Measure Z funds towards County staff to assist fire agencies in the process of becoming formal fire districts and/or annexing goodwill service areas, lays the groundwork for independence and financial sustainability. Fire districts are official government agencies that are eligible for grants funded through FEMA. Currently, many fire agencies in the County are not official government organizations and therefore are ineligible to receive particular grants and other types of funding and assistance.

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?

HCFCFA's request for Measure Z funding is for a continuation of an existing program includes the funding of communication dispatch fees, continuation of the funding of the formal planning efforts with County planning partners, funding to continue to address PPE and fire equipment needs within departments, and continuation of the out of jurisdiction responses.

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

Funds obtained from Measure Z would be used for the establishment of fire districts that are officially recognized local governmental entities. The County has in the past years matched Measure Z funds with existing funding allocated to this effort up to \$10,000. The existing funds are limited and are not sufficient for



achieving the goals outlined in this proposal. Leveraging the two funding sources will ensure significant progress towards achieving the desired goals. Also, hundreds of hours of can be tracked and documented, upon request.

In addition, formal district formation will provide a constant and secure source of tax revenue that would be obtained from the collection of local parcel and property taxes and/or assessments paid directly by community members who reside within each of these newly formed jurisdictions. Once the district formation process has been completed, fire agencies would then be eligible to apply for and obtain both State and Federal grants that are only available to official local fire agencies.

Measure Z funds spent now would build the foundation for solving the long-standing problem of a lack of sustainable revenue for local fire agencies. Money invested toward the establishment of fire-related districts with taxing authorities serves the two-fold purpose of developing a source of local tax support on an annual basis and meeting the requirements for more grant programs which expands opportunities for grant funding into the future. Therefore, Measure Z funds spent to expand and establish fire-related districts or County Service Areas (CSA's) will leverage not just one, but a combination of strategies, such as: the establishment of new or increased tax revenue; increasing fire department eligibility for grant programs; and by gaining buy-in from the local community. The application also includes short term support for departments providing out of jurisdiction responses for which they are not currently funded. This buys time to allow a more permanent solution to be found and helps to ensure that "good will" service will not end to the numerous areas being served, which come at great cost to departments responding far outside their districts.

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, this will streamline the process for the Association. We are able to purchase what we can with the funds available. In years past we have surveyed our members and then prioritized the needs, then go out to get quotes and prepare the application and budget for submission. This way we are able to leverage more for fewer funds. This year we were able to outfit several departments new and the same rescue tools (aka jaws of life). This past year Humboldt Bay had an extrication of a driver on the freeway south of Eureka and their pump went out. Loleta Fire was able to get on the scene and plug their pump right in and the rescue was completed.

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

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: February 18, 2022

SIGNATURE: Dale Unsa

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

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association

Project	Amount
Planning \$91,000	\$ 91,000.00
Out of District Response (299 & Maple Creek) \$268,554	\$ 268,554.00
So. Trinity VFD (workmans' comp insurance) \$17,000	\$ 17,000.00
County Dispatching Fees \$417,523.00	\$ 417,523.00
PPE- Structural, 3215.92 per	\$ 277,373.00
PPE- Wildland, 1163.31 per	\$ 78,218.40
Hose	\$ 120,000.00
Radios- Handheld	\$ 156,436.00
Radios- Mobile	\$ 33,465.00
SCBA Packs	\$ 512,679.00
SCBA Bottles	\$ 113,850.00
SCBA Masks	\$ 57,040.00
Wildland web gear	\$ 33,465.00
Wildland shelters	\$ 58,563.75
Rescue Tools	\$ 348,000.00
AED	\$ 23,172.00
Ges Meters	\$ 19,320.00
Generators	\$ 69,000.00
Balistic Vest & Helmets	\$ 37,950.00
Total	\$ <u>2,732,609.15</u>

**FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
OF
HUMBOLDT COUNTY**



President Dale Unea
Vice President Rick Nickolson
Treasurer Secretary- Rich Grissom

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February 18, 2022

Good afternoon committee,

We have just begun purchasing for this year's funding cycle (21-22). Because of accounting issues, it took longer than expected to finalize the budget for the years 20-21 funding cycle. I have attached the complete breakdown for the 20-21 excel sheet. It shows you how we need to figure out everything that has been paid for at the end of the fiscal year and the balance that we need to ask to be carried forward. Carry forward balance includes invoices that have yet to be paid and building projects that have not been completed.

I hope to simplify this process to make it more understanding in the future. Also, to be more respectful of the committee's time for this process.

Thank you,



Dale Unea

President- HCFCA

Quarter	19-20 carry forward		20-21 allotment		Total
C-F	\$	376,524.03		\$	376,524.03
1st Qtr	\$	81,165.89	\$	101,227.67	\$ 182,393.56
2nd Qtr	\$	4,433.00	\$	599,259.60	\$ 603,692.60
3rd Qtr			\$	354,543.42	\$ 354,543.42
4th Qtr			\$	184,374.73	\$ 184,374.73
TOTAL	\$	462,122.92	\$	1,239,405.42	\$ 1,701,528.34

		20-21 Allotment	\$	1,655,945.00
		19-20 carry forward	\$	364,208.00
		Total expenditures	\$	(1,701,528.34)
		Bal - carry forward 20-21	\$	318,624.66
C-F balances				
	20-21 equipment	PPE	\$	155,913.82
		AEDs	\$	48,331.05
	Building projects	Orick	\$	40,586.62
		Redcrest	\$	17,178.97
		Westhaven	\$	78,481.00
		Total	\$	340,491.46

M-Z quarterly purchases 2020-2021 C/F from 19-20

Date	Entity	Description	Vendor	Amount	Request type	Actual Amt.	Qtr. Pd.
11/27/2019	Redcrest VFD	Foundation materials	Eureka Ready Mix	\$ 9,731.98	purchase order	Y81188	
4/1/2020	HBF	paving - HBF training facility	Kernan Construction	\$ 119,945.00	purchase order	Y82101	
5/14/2020	HCFCA	Structure PPE	Cascade Fire Equipment	\$ 108,102.88	purchase order	Y82217	
5/14/2020	HCFCA	Wildland PPE	Cascade Fire Equipment	\$ 58,643.21	purchase order	Y82217	
5/14/2020	Blue Lake	building project	Reimbursement to Blue Lake	\$ 54,160.91	M-Z invoice		
5/26/2020	SHTRT	building project	Randall Sand & Gravel	\$ 10,634.96	purchase order	Y82377	
6/2/2020	Blue Lake	building project	Reimbursement to Blue Lake	\$ 15,305.09	M-Z invoice		
Total C-F un-paid from 19-20				\$ 376,524.03			
Remaining building project allocation				\$ 60,960.85			
Remaining HBF training facility allocation				\$ 82,409.00			
Total carry forward request for 20-21				\$ 519,893.88			
board approval C-F (3-9-2021)				\$ 364,208.00			
unfunded balance				\$ 155,685.88			

-  M-Z invoice request
-  Purchase order request
-  Journal entry request

M-Z quarterly purchases 2020-2021 1st Qtr.

Date	Entity	Description	Vendor	Amount	Request type	fiscal allot.	Actual Amnt.
7/3/2020	Redcrest VFD	building project - soils compaction testing	SHN consulting	\$ 707.25	M-Z invoice	19-20 c/o	
7/6/2020	HCFCFA - HBF	change order - driveway added	Kernen Construction	\$ 4,494.00	Purchase order Y82101	19-20 c/o	
7/16/2020	Orleans VFD	building project supplies-Schmidbauer	Reimbursement to Orleans	\$ 1,207.13	M-Z invoice	19-20 c/o	
7/1/2020	HCFCFA - HBF	railing upgrade for HBF training facility	O & M Industries	\$ 4,216.50	Purchase order Z83235	19-20 c/o	
8/26/2020	HCFCFA - HBF	change order - driveway expense	Kernen Construction	\$ 697.00	Purchase order Y82101	19-20 c/o	
8/28/2020	HCFCFA - HBF	HBF training facility - soils testing	LACO	\$ 2,219.25	M-Z invoice	19-20 c/o	
10/19/2020	STVFD	workmans comp - Qtr 1 & 2 of 20-21	FASIS - reimburse STVFD	\$ 6,050.00	M-Z invoice	20-21	
10/23/2020	HBF	training facility fencing	Humboldt Fence	\$ 66,350.00	M-Z invoice	19-20 c/o	
10/23/2020	Redcrest VFD	soils testing	SHN - reimburse Redcrest	\$ 1,281.50	M-Z invoice	19/20 c/o	
11/9/2020	HCFCFA - Planning	County staff and LAFCO assistance	County Planning	\$ 19,940.53	JE by planning	20-21	
3/25/2021	HCFCFA - Dispatch	Cal fire dispatch fees - 1st Qtr.	Cal fire	\$ 12,023.39	JE by CAO	20-21	
	HCFCFA - OJ response	out of jurisdiction response - 1st Qtr	BLVD - WCVFD - KVFD	\$ 51,449.00	JE by CAO	20-21	
TOTAL - 1st Qtr.				\$ 170,635.55			

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M-Z quarterly purchases

2020-2021 2nd Qtr.

Date	Entity	Description	Vendor	Amount	Request type	fiscal allot.	Actual amnt.
11/25/2020	HCFCFA	Rescue tools - county depts @ 7.75%	Fire Rescue Equipment	\$ 450,579.13	Purchase order Z83875	20-21	
11/25/2020	HCFCFA	Rescue tools - Fortuna @ 8.50%	Fire Rescue Equipment	\$ 29,153.97	Purchase order Z 83873	20-21	
11/25/2020	HCFCFA	Rescue tools - Rio Dell @ 8.75%	Fire Rescue Equipment	\$ 21,279.79	Purchase order Z83874	20-21	
11/25/2020	HBFB	training facility painting - down payment	Hamanaka Painting	\$ 4,433.00	Purchase order Z83872	19-20 c/f	
11/25/2020	STVFD	workman's comp 3rd Qtr premium	FASIS - reimburse STVFD	\$ 3,025.00	M-Z invoice - reimburse	20-21	
11/25/2020	STVFD	workman's comp 4th Qtr premium	FASIS 1750 Creekside Oaks Dr. Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95833	\$ 3,025.00	M Z invoice - direct pay - revised to reimbursement request on 7-29	20-21	
12/8/2020	Westhaven	Permitting fees - building project	County Building	\$ 6,238.50	Journal entry - CAO	20-21	
1/29/2021	HCFCFA - Planning	County staff and LAFCO assistance	County Planning	\$ 10,676.10	JE by planning	20-21	
3/25/2021	HCFCFA - Dispatch	Cal fire dispatch fees - 2nd Qtr.	Cal fire	\$ 12,078.87	JE by CAO	20-21	
	HCFCFA - OJ response	out of jurisdiction response - 2nd Qtr	BLVD - WCVFD - KVFD	\$ 51,449.00	JE by CAO	20-21	
Total 2nd Qtr.				\$ 591,938.36			

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M-Z quarterly purchases 2020-2021 3rd Qtr.

Date	Entity	Description	Vendor	Amount	Request type	fiscal allot.	Actual amnt.
2/20/2021	HCFCA	fire hose	LN Curtis	\$ 71,112.20	purchase order Z84204	20-21	
2/22/2021	HCFCA	SCBA bottles (8 AFD, 17 Fldbrk)	Cascade Fire Equipment	\$ 26,971.98	purchase order Z84211	20-21	\$ 26,971.98
2/26/2021	Redway FPD	Breathing air compressor	Bauer Compressors	\$ 66,460.11	purchase order Z84233	20-21	
3/25/2021	HCFCA	Thermal Imaging Cameras	Cascade Fire Equipment	\$ 107,293.14	purchase order Z84397	20-21	
5/3/2021	HCFCA - planning	County staff and LAFCO assistance	County Planning	\$ 7,416.31	JE by planning	20-21	
	HCFCA - Dispatch	Cal fire dispatch fees - 3rd Qtr.	Cal fire	\$ 12,075.93	JE by CAO	20-21	
	HCFCA - OJ response	out of jurisdiction response - 3rd Qtr	BLVD - WCVFD - KVFD	\$ 51,449.00	JE by CAO	20-21	
Total 3rd Qtr.				\$ 342,778.67			

- M-Z invoice request
- Purchase order request
- Journal entry request

M-Z quarterly purchases 2020-2021 4th Qtr.

Date	Entity	Description	Vendor	Amount	Request type	fiscal allot.	Actual amnt.
4/29/2021	Loleta FPD	Roof materails	Darin Thompson Construction	\$ 30,000.00	purchase order Z84540	20-21	
4/30/2021	Westhaven VFD	Planning application assistance	County Planning	\$ 291.00	JE by CAO	20-21	
5/4/2021	HCFCFA	Structure PPE (40 sets)	Cascade Fire Equipment	\$ 110,875.61	purchase order Z84556	20-21	
5/4/2021	HCFCFA	Wildland PPE (40 sets)	Cascade Fire Equipment	\$ 45,038.21	purchase order Z84556	20-21	
5/13/2021	HCFCFA	AEDs	Life-Assist	\$ 45,263.73	purchase order Z84558	20-21	
5/13/2021	HBF	Training facility debris and fence removal	Humboldt Fence	\$ 5,962.00	purchase order Z84560	20-21	
	HCFCFA - planning	County staff and LAFCO assistance	County Planning	\$ 10,329.11	JE by planning	20-21	
	HCFCFA - Dispatch	Cal fire dispatch fees - 4th Qtr.	Cal fire			20-21	
	HCFCFA - OJ response	out of jurisdiction response - 3rd Qtr	BLVD - WCVFD - KVFD	\$ 51,449.00	JE by CAO	20-21	
Total 4th Qtr.				\$ 299,208.66			

- M-Z invoice request
- Purchase order request
- Journal entry request