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Measure Z Application for Funding 2026 - Submission #45176

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MEASURE Z APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agency Name*

North Coast Rape Crisis Team

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Project Title*

Child Abuse Services Team Advocacy and Support Services

Funding Available

The estimated amount of Measure Z funding available for FY 2026-27 is \$1.65 million.

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested For FY 26-27*

\$57,900

Agency Priority

1 - Top Priority

Agencies are encourage to submit one project per application. If your agency is submitting more than one application, please rank this application in terms of your agency's priority here.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED EXPENSES

Item	\$ Amount	% of Total
Salaries (wages)		

Salaries Amount*

19008

Salaries %*

33

Benefits

Benefits Amount*

6592

Benefits %*

11

Overhead and Occupancy

(Administrative, Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Overhead/Occupancy Amount*

6000

Overhead/Occupancy %*

10

Equipment/Supplies/Services

Equip./Services/Supplies Amount*

25000

Equipment/Services/Supplies %*

43

Transportation/Travel

Transportation/Travel Amount*

1300

Transportation/Travel %*

3

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets Amount*

0

Fixed Assets %*

0

TOTAL

Total Amount of Application*

57,900

TOTAL 100%

2. ENTITY TYPE*

- Humboldt County Department
- Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
- Local Government Entity
- Private Service Provider
- Non-Profit Service Provider
- Other (please describe)

ENTITY TYPE

[Empty text box for entity type description]

If you selected other, please briefly describe the entity you represent.

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? *

No

If you checked "yes" please include the following:

1. a report detailing results from the most recent year the project was funded, and:
2. a completed Staffing Report detailing when the funded positions were filled during the most recent year you received funding for this project.

These documents must be uploaded in the "Required Attachments" section of this application.

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

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) seeks funding to sustain critical advocacy and mental health services for children and families impacted by sexual abuse. Support will fund the salary and benefits of a certified California Sexual Assault Counselor who attends Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) forensic interviews to provide immediate, trauma-informed emotional support to affected children and families after disclosures of sexual abuse are made.

In addition, funding will ensure crisis intervention, safety planning, and individualized advocacy are available to stabilize and heal families as they navigate the criminal/legal systems, family and civil matters and access needed community resources. This includes mileage and transportation costs so families can fully participate in follow up interviews, court proceedings, and related appointments with an advocate to support them along the way. The proposal also helps cover essential operational expenses such as business insurance.

Finally, NCRCT seeks to provide limited direct financial assistance for rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and other basic needs to reduce instability and promote healing during a time of significant trauma.

5. 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?*

Our proposal aligns with Measure Z by strengthening public safety and enhancing essential services for survivors of child sexual abuse. When child survivors and their caregivers feel supported, they are more likely to report crimes and participate in the justice process; improving case outcomes and overall community safety. Our Advocates provide 24/7 trauma-informed crisis response, accompaniment services throughout the criminal justice process, and coordinates with law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office to help hold perpetrators accountable.

We are an active partner on the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), collaborating with law enforcement, child protective services, mental health professionals, and prosecutors to ensure a coordinated and child centered response. NCRCT is the only non-profit agency that specializes in the healing of sexualized violence in Humboldt County; we are an essential service. As the only non-profit partner of CAST, we represent the multidisciplinary approach, which reduces additional trauma to children, strengthens investigations, and promotes timely accountability.

Our program also connects children and families to critical mental health services following disclosure of abuse, including internal peer counseling provided by California State Certified Sexual Assault Counselors. Early access to trauma-informed counseling promotes healing, reduces long-term emotional and behavioral impacts, and helps stabilize families. By integrating crisis response, children's mental health services, and cross-system coordination, our proposal directly advances Measure Z's goal of maintaining and improving public safety while strengthening essential community services.

In addition, we provide targeted basic needs assistance to ensure families can achieve immediate safety and stability after disclosure of abuse. Financial disruption is common when a caregiver separates from an offender or misses work to protect their child. Support for rent, utilities, groceries, mattresses replacements, and other essentials help prevent homelessness, food insecurity, and unsafe living conditions. Meeting these basic needs reduces additional trauma to children, allows them to remain in stable environments, and enables caregivers to focus on their child's safety and participation in investigations and court proceedings. By stabilizing families at their most vulnerable moment, we remove barriers to justice, strengthen resilience, and reinforce overall community safety.

6. What geographic area(s) and population(s) will be served by this project? Please indicate whether services will be provided countywide or in specific communities.*

NCRCT serves individuals and families impacted by sexual violence throughout all of Humboldt County. This project will specifically focus on supportive, non-offending family members and child survivors who are referred to the Child Abuse Services Team for a best-practice, recorded forensic interview. The program also serves survivors with developmental disabilities.

All law enforcement agencies within Humboldt County may refer families to this program once an initial report has been made. Many of the families served live in low-income households and face significant barriers to accessing services. The children involved have often experienced high levels of trauma through no fault of their own and require coordinated, trauma-informed support to promote safety, healing, and long-term stability.

NCRCT serves all of Humboldt County, and often provides transportation for survivors and families who live in the most isolated areas of the County. All forensic interviews are held at the Victim Witness Assistance Office, located in the Humboldt County Courthouse. Follow-up crisis intervention, advocacy and other supports are provided in a families home community and/or transportation is provided by the agency to ensure the lack of reliable public transportation is not a barrier to involvement in the criminal justice process.

7. 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? Please provide detail of your plan for sustainability here.*

NCRCT is committed to participation in the CAST; Measure Z funds ensure a vertical process for families. By enabling NCRCT to focus a position on the needs of families, (rather than it being spread across the entire team), families can trauma-bond with their advocate, tell their truth one time and then continue to work with the same compassionate individual through their healing. Research has shown that Advocates are key to continued participation in the systems; this is especially true when they meet and work with the same person.

The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) partially funds this program each grant year. They have funded the Rape Crisis program for over 50 years; NCRCT has been the recipient of such funds for 43 years. With the current federal and state funding landscape, we have intentionally diversified revenue streams to strengthen long-term financial stability. We actively engage in state and national advocacy to address potential funding reductions, and historically, the State of California has backfilled critical gaps, giving us cautious optimism that essential services will continue to be supported. We seek local funds to ensure that even if cuts are made by the state or federal sources, these essential services will not be affected in Humboldt County.

In addition, we pursue competitive grants, foundation and corporate funding, and individual donations, while building strong partnerships with community stakeholders to broaden investment in victim services. Through strategic grant planning, fundraising, community engagement, and outcome tracking, NCRCT is committed to maintaining stable, long-term services for child survivors and their families, regardless of future Measure Z allocations.

8. 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?*

This request represents a continuation of an existing and essential program. In 2023, NCRCT began attending all Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) interviews in which sexual violence may be disclosed in order to provide immediate, trauma-informed support to child survivors and their non-offending family members. This proactive presence ensures that families receive crisis intervention, advocacy, and connection to ongoing services at the earliest point of system involvement.

The program is currently funded through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula funds appropriated by Congress, along with supplemental funding through a state budget line item designed to offset reductions in federal VOCA allocations. However, VOCA funding levels have been unstable and threatened for several consecutive years due to fluctuations in the federal Crime Victims Fund. While NCRCT has worked closely with state and national advocacy partners to identify solutions and advocate for sustainable funding, and has successfully maintained full funding to date, the long-term stability of these funding sources remains uncertain.

Continued investment is critical to ensure uninterrupted services for child survivors and their families and to maintain NCRCT's consistent presence within the multidisciplinary response team.

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

Since its founding 54 years ago, North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) has relied primarily on federal funding to sustain core services. Historically, federal sources provided a relatively stable and predictable foundation for victim advocacy programs. However, recent and ongoing fluctuations in federal funding have required NCRCT to shift its funding strategy and actively pursue diversified and locally grounded revenue streams.

Measure Z funding would serve as a critical local investment and a powerful leveraging tool. Measure Z demonstrates community commitment to essential safety and victim service infrastructure. Securing Measure Z support would help us demonstrate to external funders that Humboldt County prioritizes trauma-informed services for survivors of sexual violence while increasing our credibility when approaching regional foundations, corporate donors, and individual community supporters.

Local investment signals sustainability. When funders see that a community is financially committed to a program, they are more likely to contribute additional resources. Measure Z funding would not replace federal or state dollars; rather, it would position NCRCT to draw down additional outside funding, maximize grant opportunities, and ensure uninterrupted services for survivors and their families. Measure Z support would demonstrate that NCRCT is a vital part of Humboldt County's public safety and child protection infrastructure, and that the community stands behind the survivors we serve.

10. 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

11. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? *

If you checked yes, please detail those expenses here.

The primary recurring costs include personnel wages, benefits, and business-related insurance. These expenses are essential to maintain qualified staff, provide consistent services to survivors, and ensure the ongoing operation and sustainability of the program.

Please note, the Citizens' Advisory Committee in May, 2023, adopted a stance that it would not recommend funding for new, ongoing county positions.

12. If awarded less than the full amount requested, could the proposed project still be implemented? If yes, please identify the minimum funding amount required for the project to remain feasible and describe any changes to scope or outcomes.*

Yes. The project could still be implemented at a reduced level if awarded a minimum of \$25,900, which would cover essential personnel wages and benefits necessary to sustain the program. Personnel are the backbone of our services; without trained Advocates to provide crisis response and accompany child survivors and their families through the justice process, the program could not function effectively.

While other funding sources have been challenging to secure specifically for staff salaries, we have successfully engaged local partners to provide limited financial assistance for survivors' basic needs. This ensures that even at a reduced funding level, families continue to receive critical stabilization support while participating in investigations and court proceedings.

Some program activities or overall capacity may be limited without full funding, such as the number of children served or the availability of emergency financial assistance. However, our trauma-informed advocacy and accompaniment for child survivors of sexual abuse would remain fully operational; ensuring that the most essential safety and support needs of survivors and their families continue to be met.

This approach allows the program to remain functional and responsive even under constrained funding, while positioning us to expand services again as additional resources become available.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to include the following with your application.

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)

Upload Prior Year Results Attachment

No file chosen

Program Budget

[Download the budget narrative](#), then upload using the button at right.

Upload Program Budget Attachment*

Measure Z Proposed Budget NCRCT - FY 2025-26.xlsx

Staffing Report

If your request was previously funded, please [download and complete the staffing report](#), then upload it using the option provided here.

Upload Staffing Report Attachment

Measure Z Staffing Report NCRCT.xlsx

Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from members of the community you can upload them here.

Upload Letters of Support

2.20.26.Ltr.Support.Meas.Z.NCRCT.pdf

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*

Signature*

Type Approving Official's Name

Measure Z Agenda Notifications

[Sign up on our website](#) to be notified when Measure Z agendas are posted. The applications are discussed in open session and it is often valuable for applicants to attend in person or virtually to address the committee.

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: North Coast Rape Crisis Team	Address: 425 I Street Arcata, CA 95521
Coordinator/Contact: Rebecca Belton	Phone: 707-443-2737

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs				
Title: Program Specialist				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)	19,008.00	0.00	0.00	19,008.00
Benefits	6,592.00			6,592.00
Provide Accompaniment services to CAST families as well as follow up services, including crisis interventions, peer counseling, and further advocacy and accompaniment				
Duties Description: needs.				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
Title:				
Salary (separate from benefits cost)				0.00
Benefits				0.00
Duties Description:				
<i>Salaries Subtotal</i>	19,008.00	0.00	0.00	19,008.00
<i>Benefits Subtotal</i>	6,592.00	0.00	0.00	6,592.00
Total Personnel:	25,600.00	0.00	0.00	25,600.00
B. Overhead and Occupancy Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, Administrative etc.)				
Title: Insurance				
Description: Business Insurance to work with clients	6,000.00	0	0	
Title:				
Description:				
Total Overhead and Occupancy Costs:	6,000.00	0	0	6000
C. Equipment/Supplies/Services (Equipment, Supplies and Services should be separate)				
Title: Equipment				
(Please be detailed regarding the equipment you plan to .				
Description: These expenses are generally over \$200, longer useful life)	0.00	0	0	
Title:				
Description:				
<i>Equipment Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Supplies				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally under				
Description: \$200, depleted or consumed within 1 year)	0.00	0	0	
Title:				
Description:	0.00	0	0	
<i>Supplies Subtotal:</i>	0.00	0	0	0
Title: Services/Other Operational Costs				
(Please be detailed. These expenses are generally professional or				
Description: contracted services, or other expenses that are not equipment or	0.00	0	0	
Title: Basic Needs Assistance				
Emergency Assistance to families for stabilization, such as				
Description: hotels, utility payments, food, etc.	25,000.00	0	0	
<i>Services/Other Subtotal:</i>	25,000.00	0	0	25000
Total Equipment/Supplies/Services:	25,000.00	0	0	25000
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)				
Title: Local Travel				
Transportation of family and/or advocate to criminal justice				
Description: related meetings	1,300.00	0	0	
Title: Out of County Travel				
Describe out of county travel and connection to your project	0.00	0	0	
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	1,300.00	0	0	1300
E. Fixed Assets (According to your agency's definition of a fixed asset)				
Title:				
Description:		0	0	
Title:				
Description:		0	0	
Total Fixed Asset Costs:	0	0	0	0

Exhibit E - Proposed Budget

Agency Name: North Coast Rape Crisis Team	Address: 425 I Street Arcata, CA 95521
Coordinator/Contact: Rebecca Belton	Phone: 707-443-2737

Descriptions	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Total of Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance	
	Totals	57,900.00	0.00	0.00	57,900.00
	Requested Budget	Current Quarter Costs	Prior Quarter Costs	Remaining Balance	



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February 20, 2026

Citizens' Advisory Committee, Measure Z

Humboldt County

Re: Letter of Support for North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the North Coast Rape Crisis Team and their request for funding assistance under Measure Z.

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) Advocates work collaboratively with District Attorney Victim Witness Advocates and all members of the Child Abuse Services Team to help families and children following a disclosure of child sexual abuse. Emotional support and availability of long-term care and services to aid in the healing process are key components to services provided by the NCRCT.

Working side by side with the DA Victim Witness Advocates, NCRCT Advocates join victims in court, provide case updates and emotional support through often long and complicated criminal justice processes. The services help keep victims engaged in the criminal justice process, leading to accountability for those who cause harm in Humboldt County.

Measure Z funds would support continued collaboration between the District Attorney's Office and NCRCT thereby ensuring the most vulnerable child sexual assault survivors are provided with healing services from a compassionate team with their well-being at heart.

Our ongoing partnership with the North Coast Rape Crisis Team is greatly valued, as is their leadership, collaboration, and commitment to community health in Humboldt County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacey Eads
District Attorney