Measure Z

Measure Z is a half-cent local sales tax passed by voters in 2014 and renewed in 2018. Funds from Measure Z are intended for public safety and essential services. This funding has allowed more than 70 personnel to be added at the county, as well as city governments and local non-profits. Volunteer fire departments have received necessary equipment, including fire engines, breathing apparatuses and industry standard protective clothing that would not have been possible otherwise.

Public Safety Projects Funded in First 6 Years of Measure Z

$71.6 Million in Funding

With the funding K’ima:w Medical Center receives from Measure Z, Hoopa Ambulance is able to maintain fully staffed coverage with life support equipment for the Willow Creek area.

K’ima:w Medical Center
Funding provides EMT ambulance coverage for Willow Creek and rural Eastern Humboldt County

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have seen an increase in requests for our Parent Project and Loving Solutions classes. Parents who have completed the program have reported positive changes in their home and increased school

City of Arcata Police Department
Project is funding for 1 School Resource Officer and 2 Juvenile Diversion Counselors.

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*Graph indicates funds allocated
**A complete list of Year 6 projects is in Section J.
Public Safety

Measure Z Night Coverage

Prior to the passage of Measure Z, deputies were unable to provide 24/7 law enforcement services to our Southern and Northern Humboldt areas. During that time, the night shift consisted of 6 deputies patrolling the entire county in 12 hour shifts. With funding from Measure Z, continued by Measure O, we now have 24-hour coverage in all areas. Additionally, overnight we now have 17 deputies patrolling the county in 10 hour shifts.

Filled Positions

- 34 Patrol Deputies (Including Supervisors)
- 5 Community Service Officers
- 1 Support Staff

A Focus on Service

Through Measure Z, the Sheriff has been able to bring back the Community Service Officer program. Community Service Officers (CSO) investigate crimes with no identified suspects and help free up deputies to take emergency calls for service. The Sheriff also has one CSO dedicated entirely to abandoned vehicle abatement, helping get abandoned vehicles off of our public roadways. CSOs also participate in outreach at local schools and in the community.

Construction of the Measure Z-funded Orleans Fire Station is progressing! When the new fire hall is complete, it will provide a safe, clean, and central location from which the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department volunteers can continue to respond to local emergencies, including fire, accident, and medical calls. This fire department serves a first-out response area of over 1,000 people scattered over 198 square miles, and will continue to serve these communities...

...Beneficiaries include not only the entire extended community from Somes Bar to Weitchpec and including Orleans and outlying properties, but our fellow responders in law enforcement from the CHP, Sheriff’s Office, and Forest Service.

Orleans Volunteer Fire Department - Project funding will help replace an existing unsafe structure and construction of a new fire station.