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## CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

(Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as to expenditure of funds derived from *Measure Z*.)

### APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name: City of Trinidad

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2016-17: \$ \$150,634.00

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

3. Please provide brief description of proposal for which you are seeking funding.

The City of Trinidad is requesting funding to support one full time law enforcement position. Trinidad contracts with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, and the requested funds would go directly towards that contract to support a second full time deputy for Trinidad. Our current contract supports one full time deputy sheriff, who works four (ten hour) shifts a week. This request would support a second deputy, so that we would have a dedicated peace officer in the Trinidad area seven days a week. Trinidad, and our deputy, serve as the public safety hub for the greater Trinidad area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Having an assigned peace officer centered in Trinidad seven days a week would benefit not just the City but the surrounding area as well, and would relieve demands on the McKinleyville Sheriff's station.

4. *Measure Z* funding is scheduled to "sunset" in 2020. How are you developing a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, in order for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future *Measure Z* funds?

Trinidad, like most Cities, will need to continue to make tough budgeting decisions about how to allocate our general fund revenue, and how much to spend on public safety. There are a few potential opportunities to increase our GF revenue: the City's voter approved sales tax is up for renewal soon, and it's extension, and possible changes in the rate, will go before the community for a vote. Transient occupancy tax has been an increasing revenue source for the City, and the City can consider increasing our TOT rate, as some other local cities have done.

If we are successful in this application and the community experiences the benefits of having a second deputy, it may increase community support for allocating greater funding to public safety, and for the measures necessary to pay for that increased funding. We will continue to aggressively pursue outside grant funding, but those opportunities, including this *Measure Z* funding, will always be of limited duration.

Creative opportunities such as sharing a deputy with the City of Blue Lake, so we each pay half the cost, is another option that has been discussed. The City used to contract for 1.5 Deputies (i.e. one full time and one half time) but the HCSO had logistical challenges with that arrangement and has advised us we need to work in whole numbers. However a deputy that was split between the two contract cities seems like an option worth revisiting with HCSO, and may be something both cities could support without outside help in the future.

5. 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?

Trinidad currently relies on local general fund revenue, and the state COPS program to support one full time deputy and one additional 8 hr shift per week. These revenue sources are basically stable. We receive a fixed minimum COPS allocation, with no CPI adjustment, so that source is slowly falling in real dollar terms. Our GF revenue is composed primarily of a property and sales tax, transient occupancy tax, and a voter approved add on to our city sales tax. GF revenue is variable, but has been increasing slightly faster than inflation in recent years, helped by the recovery of property values and increasing tourism.

6. If you are awarded *Measure Z* funds, how will you use them to leverage additional grants, contributions, or community support?

The City will continue to pursue grant funding for public safety from all available sources. Community organizations including the Lions Club and Trinidad Memorial Civic Club have consistently supported our public safety efforts with both donations and volunteerism. Having two deputies would also facilitate a stronger connection to Trinidad Elementary School, across the street from our deputy's office in Trinidad.

7. Will this proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, please describe.

This proposal puts another sheriff's deputy on the street, and therefore relies on the HCSO recruitment and training process to add someone to their ranks, either for this position or to replace whoever takes it. This could mean the position may not be filled right away, depending on the time required to bring another deputy into the HCSO.

**ATTACHMENTS—Please include the following with your application**

**Proposal Narrative:** Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or for public safety. (*one page maximum*)

**Prior Year Results:** If your request is a continuation of a program funded with *Measure Z* in FY 15-16, please provide the results of implementation. (*one page maximum*)

**Program Budget:** Use budget form provided

***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: 2/18/2016

SIGNATURE: 

Daniel Berman  
City Manager  
City of Trinidad

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:**

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on *Measure Z* Expenditures  
c/o County Administrative Office  
825 Fifth Street, Suite 111  
Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

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City of Trinidad  
Project Narrative  
Measure Z Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad is requesting Measure Z funding to support one (1) full time deputy sheriff position as part of our contract for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The City-HCSO contract currently supports one full time deputy, with a four day a week schedule. The City supplements that position with one additional eight hour shift per week, but we are still left with no dedicated Trinidad-based law enforcement two days a week, and very limited coverage at night.

The City is very pleased with our deputy and with our partnership with HCSO. However we are struggling, like the rest of the County, with challenges related to recent statewide Public Safety Re-Alignment, where repeat offenders for a range of property crimes appear to be back on the street almost immediately upon arrest. Our problems with limited coverage are magnified when our one deputy has required training, or medical or other leave, and we are left with almost no dedicated coverage for one to two weeks at a time.

It is important to emphasize that Trinidad's contract deputy, by agreement between the City and HCSO, effectively serves the 'Greater Trinidad Area' from Westhaven to Patrick's Point, which is otherwise covered from the McKinleyville Sheriff's Station. While the City itself is small, having an additional deputy headquartered in Trinidad would significantly benefit public safety in the surrounding unincorporated areas. Having dedicated deputies for our area makes an enormous difference in their knowledge of the people, the problems, and their ability to work on more complex long term investigations, as opposed to steadily varying shift coverage from McKinleyville.

The 'Greater Trinidad Area' suffers from our share of criminal activity, including a recent bar fight stabbing just outside City Limits, ongoing organized drug dealing activity, the recovery of multiple stolen firearms (from the large Pacific Outfitters theft last year) from a house one block from our City offices, repeated robberies with weapons at our gas station, and steady property crime including repeated thefts at our City Water Plant, and smash and grab robberies of parked cars both in and out of the City.

The City has discussed this proposal with HCSO representatives, and we believe that this request would benefit the greater Trinidad area community and HCSO as well as the City itself. The requested funding would be passed through entirely to HCSO for the deputy position. The City would provide, at our own cost, the necessary office space, computer, and other costs associated with supporting this deputy, as we do in our current contract. The City would of course work cooperatively with HCSO to make this proposal successful and feasible from their perspective.

Funding for additional front line law enforcement officers is exactly what the voters were envisioning in supporting Measure Z and this proposal would do exactly that, to the benefit of a significant area of the County.

On behalf of the City of Trinidad, thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Budget

Agency Name  
City of Trinidad

Date: February 18th 2016

Descriptions Amounts Approved Budget Remaining Balance

A. Personnel Costs

Title: Deputy Sheriff Salary and Benefits: Current contract rate for one full time Deputy: Calculation: (The City will happily cover the difference if this rate goes up incrementally in the coming year) Duties Description:	\$150,634.00 This is the full		0.00    Measure Z request
Title: Salary and Benefits: Calculation: Duties Description:			0
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Total Personnel: 0.00 0.00 0.00

B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)

Title: Rent (proportional use of City Building) Description:	\$8,000 Provided by City		
Title: Utilities and Phone Description:	\$3,500 Provided by City		
Title: Desktop Computer Description:	\$750 Provided by City		
Title: Description:			

Total Operating Costs: 0 0 0

C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)

Title: Misc Office Supplies Description:	\$600 Provided by City		
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			

Budget  
Agency Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget	Remaining Balance
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
<b>Total Consumable/Supplies:</b>		0	0      0
<b>D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)</b>			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
<b>Total Transportation/Travel Costs:</b>		0	0      0
<b>E. Fixed Assets</b>			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
<b>Total Other Costs:</b>		0	0      0
<b>Total:</b>		0.00	