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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: Humboldt Area Center fro Harm Reduction

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2016-17: \$ 20,000.00

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.

We are seeking funding to support the work of our Peer Outreach Program. This program promotes improved public health and safety through the exchange, collection and disposal of used syringes and through the distribution of Naloxone opioid overdose medication. Our Peer Outreach Program is successful because it allows drug users to actively participate in addressing health issues stemming from substance use. In many cases, our program is the first connection to any support services that people use as they reintegrate back into society. This happens through education, support, and peer to peer communication. We use our peer based connections with substance users to reach those who are not currently connected with any services.

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?

Our plan is to expand and diversify our funding sources as we continue to grow in response to the need for harm reduction programs. Our current fundraising calendar includes: maintaining a database of grant cycles and submitting regularly for relevant grants, soliciting donations from private donors and hosting fundraising events. This year we will submit grant applications to the Drug Policy Alliance, the Union Labor Health Foundation and the California State Office of AIDS. A recent decision by Congress to lift a ban on funding for syringe exchange programs will allow us to apply for federal funding in the future. In addition to grant funding we will draw on our strong relationships with private donors. We will also use social media fundraising drives to raise money and to increase our public profile.

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?

This request is for the expansion of the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction Peer Outreach Program. The program is currently funded by nationwide and local grants including: the North American Syringe Exchange Network, St. Joseph Hospital Eureka, and by the Humboldt Patient Resource Center. However, the cost of expanding the program to meet the existing need exceeds current funding sources.

6. If you are awarded *Measure Z* funds, how will you use them to leverage additional grants, contributions, or community support? *Measure Z* funds will be used to demonstrate the public safety benefits that come from implementing a peer based syringe exchange and disposal program and Naloxone distribution program. By expanding our program we will increase our profile in the community and leverage our success to win additional grant funding.

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. No

**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: 2/19/16

SIGNATURE: 

**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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## Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction Proposal for Measure Z funding.

The epidemic of drug related illness and death in Humboldt County is a major public health and safety concern. Humboldt County has nearly four times the national average of Hepatitis C infection rates and 3.6 times the national average of opioid mortality rates. This puts an immense strain on our community by diverting resources from public health and safety services. The Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR) Peer Outreach Program improves public health and safety by providing a syringe exchange and disposal service, by educating intravenous drug users on safe practices, and by providing overdose reversal medication (Naloxone) to opioid users. We are requesting \$20,000 to complete our yearly funding goal for our Peer Outreach Program, which consists of syringe exchange and disposal and Naloxone distribution.

The improper disposal of used syringes poses a serious public health risk to all members of our community. The California Office of AIDS has identified syringe exchange and disposal programs as the best way to reduce the spread of Hepatitis C, AIDS, Endocarditis and other blood borne pathogens. Most syringe exchange and disposal programs have been concentrated in large cities. However, small town and rural areas, such as ours, also benefit from exchange and disposal programs. Syringe exchange and disposal programs reduce the need for intravenous drug users to share needles thereby reducing the spread of blood borne pathogens. Treatment for Hepatitis C typically costs approximately \$80,000 per patient; preventing the spread of Hepatitis C by providing a clean syringe costs .11 cents per syringe. The requested funding will also support the expansion of our program into Southern Humboldt.

Humboldt County's extremely high rate of mortality due to opioid overdose also poses a health and safety risk to the community. The HACHR Peer Outreach Program provides Naloxone and overdose education to opioid users. Volunteers for the program are trained to educate people on how to identify an overdose as it happens and how to administer Naloxone to reverse the overdose. Nationally, Naloxone programs have proven effective at reducing opioid overdose mortality. The Measure Z funds requested would be used to expand the distribution of Naloxone by our Peer Outreach Program volunteers.

According to the Drug Policy Alliance, substance users that do not engaging in services absorb more public funding than those that do. Substance users who participate in an exchange and disposal program normally access treatment and other services more frequently and sooner than those who do not. Exchange programs represent a first step towards accessing treatment services.. Providing overdose prevention & education (Naloxone) is how substance users stay alive long enough to access treatment services. There are many reasons why people do not access services, for the most part, the reason is trust. Through the Peer Outreach Program at HACHR, we build trust by directly supporting and cultivating relationships with the substance users. HARCHR's work is driven by the needs identified through those relations.

Funding a harm reduction program is a practical and financially sound community investment in public health and safety. The Peer Outreach Program is what sets HACHR apart from other programs who typically rely on users to come to them rather than meeting substance users where they are at. In 2016 we disposed of an average of 1,000 used sharps per week. We disbursed over 80 Naloxone kits and have had 13 reported overdose reversals. Three program participants entered Hep C treatment, and two found housing and connected with therapeutic services. The Peer Outreach Program as had a positive response from the community as a whole and we look forward to expanding our services.

"Every one dollar spent on harm reduction saves four public health dollars" (The Harm Reduction Coalition).

Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction  
Peer Outreach Program Budget

Budget  
Agency Name

Date: 02-19-16

Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget	Remaining Balance
<b>A. Personnel Costs</b>			
Title: Salary and Benefits Calculation:	0		0.00
Duties Description:			
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Duties Description:			
<b>Total Personnel:</b>			0.00
			N/A
			0.00
<b>B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)</b>			
Title: Rent	\$6000.00	6,000	0
Description: Yearly			
Title: Insurance	\$3,000	3,000	0
Description: Yearly renters and board insurance			
Title: Phone	\$600	\$600	0
Description: Outreach and business phone			
Title:			
Description:			
<b>Total Operating Costs:</b>			0
			\$9,000
<b>C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)</b>			
Title: Naloxone Distribution	\$18,600	9,600	\$9,000
Description: Opioid overdose prevention			
Title: Syringe Disposal and exchange	\$19,863	8,863	\$11,000
Description: Sharps containers, disposal, sharps, steril water			
Title: Wound Care & Higiene supplies	\$16,024	\$16,024	0

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

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Descriptions	Amounts	Approved Budget	Remaining Balance	
Description: To care for infections and reduce EMS			0	
Title:				
Description:				
<b>Total Consumable/Supplies:</b>		<b>\$54,187 0</b>	<b>34,187 0</b>	<b>20,000 0</b>
<b>D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)</b>				
Title:				
Description:			0	
Title:				
Description:			0	
Title:				
Description:			NA	
<b>Total Transportation/Travel Costs:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>E. Fixed Assets</b>				
Title:				
Description:			0	
Title:				
Description:			NA	
<b>Total Other Costs:</b>				
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$63,787 0.00</b>	<b>\$43,787</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>