



## 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

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Agency Name: Humboldt Waste Management Authority

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2016-17: \$ 40,000

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 Humboldt Waste Management Authority (Authority) respectfully approaches the Measure Z funding committee with a request to fund a portion of the cost incurred by the Authority of expenses associated with mitigating illegal disposal, both in the cities and within unincorporated Humboldt County.

HWMA is the joint powers authority representing integrated waste management and disposal mandates and requirements for unincorporated Humboldt County and the five member cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, and Rio Dell. An Authority sponsored application submitted for the 2015 round of Measure Z funding described in detail the scope of illegal trash in terms of county-wide impacts, those working to remove the blight, the mechanisms required to manage the materials, and costs directly related to ultimate disposal.

The Authority relies on a tipping fee to fund daily operations, not property assessments or other taxes. Within the tipping fee, a county pass-through identifies monies for special projects and programs, including some costs related to illegal disposal. As envisioned, non-profit and civic groups could clean a beach or river bar and have the Authority absorb the disposal costs for materials brought to the Hawthorne Street Transfer Station in Eureka. The member agencies, the county and cities, can also actively tap into this fund to help with disposal costs.

Thus far during fiscal year 2015-16, the Authority budget for illegal cleanup has been substantially increased, as noted in the table at Question # 5. The majority of these costs lie directly within operations to remove and mitigate temporary transient encampments, many of which border Humboldt Bay and adjacent wetlands. These activities are conducted by our member agencies, principally the City of Eureka and Humboldt County.

This request asks for \$40,000.00 to augment the Authority FY2016-17 budget directly related to the disposal of illegally discarded waste brought to the transfer station for proper disposal.

**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?**

The funding request is in addition to funds that are annually identified to pay for illegal cleanup. This Illegal Dumping and Cleanup Fund portion of the Authority budget will continue to be a funding tool well beyond the anticipated closure date of measure Z revenues.

**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?**

Each year the HWMA Board of Directors allocates a portion of County Wide Pass-Through Fees funds (embedded in the Waste Management Fee) to be used by member agencies for costs associated with disposal of illegally dumped garbage on public right-of-way or properties. Representatives of member agencies contact the Authority to advise us of the approximate volume of material and date of delivery. On arrival, disposal fees are waived. Actual material disposed is weighed and recorded by HWMA staff.

HWMA Budget -Illegal Dumping and Cleanup Fund -Disposal Costs Summary

Fiscal Year	Original allocation	Additional allocation	Annual total
2014-15	\$25,000.00	\$12,000.00	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
2015-16 (to date)	\$40,000.00	\$16,500.00	<b>\$56,500.00</b>

To date, the City of Eureka alone has used in excess of \$33,000.00 with activities related to transient camp relocation during fiscal 2015-16.

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

The member agency cities and County of Humboldt face a daunting task with the management of a large homeless community living in transient settings. A myriad of social issues must be navigated to insure quality of life for those impacted by homelessness as well as the long time established residents and businesses that are the base fabric of our community.

As relocation efforts are mounted, it is vital that the environmental and social implications of appropriate cleanup and mitigation be understood and conveyed to the public sector in order help understand and better protect the extremely sensitive riparian and intertidal habitats that are often impacted. Much as with the South Jetty mitigation project in 1997, public support will follow reasonable efforts as these lands are returned to full use and natural stability.

**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 new or expanded activity will be necessary to accommodate this request. The Authority would evaluate existing protocol with city and county staff and continue to coordinate and streamline the processing of requests

by our member agencies, non-profits, and community organizations. Authority staff will review internal reporting procedures for data and reporting collection.

**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*)

**Program Budget** – ( See Attachment 2)

***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: FEB 11, 2016

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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**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*)

Humboldt Waste Management Authority asks for additional funding to support an active program that funds disposal of trash and garbage that is illegally disposed of in Humboldt County. This successful program is used by member agencies, the county and five cities, which comprise the agency as Humboldt County's joint powers waste management authority. Private civic and local environmentally based non-profits also utilize the Illegal Dumping and Cleanup Fund. when using volunteers to clean up local beaches and river banks.

This request is for funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for fiscal year 2016-17 to supplant current funding levels approved by our Board of Directors. A tremendous amount of the 2015-16 funding is currently being used by our member agencies and their rate payers, principally the City of Eureka and Humboldt County, to cover costs directly relating to disposal of trash generated by the cleanup and mitigation of transient encampments. This trend is expected to continue as community efforts focus on dealing with homeless populations and transient camp cleanup. The problem is ubiquitous, and the solutions are hands on and expensive.

The Humboldt electorate approved *Measure Z* looking for ways to fund steps that have an immediate impact on public health and safety issues in our community. Infusing much needed money into a proven and successful program that pays actual disposal costs relating to homelessness and illegal disposal meets this goal. Long term gain can be measured in large part by the restoration of sensitive tidal habitat and public lands and trails that are returned to full use.

***Program Budget:***

The requested amount will only be utilized to cover disposal costs directly related to illegal dumping, exclusive of any administrative or operating expenses.

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget allocation for Illegal Dumping and Cleanup Fund	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
Measure Z Supplemental funding for FY 2016-17	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>Total available funds</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>

The HWMA Executive Director and Director of Finance report to the Board of Directors on a monthly, semi-annual, and annual basis on status of the Authority budget. These comprehensive summaries include various budget expenditures and identified line items including the Illegal Dumping and Cleanup Fund. The Board meeting packets are available on the web site at [www.hwma.net](http://www.hwma.net). A summary of expenditures allocated from the fund can be provided the the Measure Z committee at the close of the fiscal year if requested..