



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*.)

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APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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Agency Name: Humboldt County Assessor
Mailing Address: 825-5th St., Rm. 300, Eureka, CA 95501
Contact Person: Mari Wilson Title: Assessor
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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2015-16: \$

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 assessor's office is requesting funding for 1 full time Appraisal Technician position. The cost for salary & benefits for FY2015-16 would be approximately \$54,000. The purpose would be to discover unpermitted new construction. The value of the discovered new construction would be added to the assessment roll increasing the county's revenue for FY2015-16 and all subsequent years. The value entered for FY2015-16 would have the yearly inflation factor applied in subsequent years further increasing the revenue.

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 assessor's office would be able to absorb this position within 5 years through attrition.

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?

The assessor's office is funded through the County General Fund. The FY2015-16 general fund budget allocation does not cover the requested position.

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

The added position would be working to add value to the assessment roll increasing the county's revenue which would provide additional revenue to be used for public safety and essential services now and for the future.

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*)

Program Budget

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: 3-19-15

SIGNATURE: Mari A. Weber

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.

**MEASURE Z
HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSESSOR**

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Funding the assessor's office is beneficial to the fiscal health of Humboldt County government. Increased revenue produced by an increased assessment roll would provide the county with additional funds for public safety and essential services.

The assessor's office is requesting Measure Z funding to fill an Appraisal Tech vacancy not funded in the regular budget. With this addition to our staff we can do more to discover unpermitted construction and add that value to the assessment roll. Value increases not only for the current year, but adding value for subsequent years as well.

The assessor's office receives permit information for new construction from local entities issuing permits. When no permit is obtained for new construction it can be difficult to discover. An example of how the Appraisal Tech would discover unpermitted new construction is through the use of Google Earth to view property showing improvements that are not currently on county records.

The approximate cost to the county for the fiscal year 2015-2016 would be \$54,000 for one Appraisal Tech.

The assessor's office would track value added to the roll by this position and report to the Measure Z committee yearly to show the value added.

PROGRAM BUDGET

Total Pay & Benefits	\$53,396
Office Equipment & Supplies	<u>\$ 604</u>
Total Request	\$54,000