



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: Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods
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1. **AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2017-18: \$ 100,000**

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 Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods (BGCR) serves middle school and high school age students in Eureka. Our Teen Court program provides services that offer youth support, and preventative assistance to resolve delinquent or early criminal behavior. Teen Court has been under the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods' umbrella since 2000 and in the last year, has grown tremendously in interested referral agencies, with Eureka City Schools, Eureka Police Department, Rio Dell Police Department, Arcata Police Department Diversion Program and Fortuna Police Department all showing interest and all but Rio Dell and Fortuna Police Departments, signing Memorandums of Understanding of how best to refer to Teen Court and where best to hold court. With two part-time staff and the occasional benefit of service from Social Work Interns, Teen Court is lacking the capacity needed to determine how best to address expanded referral efforts. Measure Z funding would be utilized to increase the hours for our Teen Court Director and Program Assistant, add additional staffing based in Fortuna, to set up the infrastructure for court in the Eel River Valley, as well as work with the Multigenerational Center and McLean Foundation in establishing a footprint in the forthcoming Community Center. Lastly, we would include the addition of a Youth Aide position at 10 hours a week, providing both the job experience and self-confidence boosting opportunity for a teen to be employed, while also acknowledging that some of the work in determining the systems needed for expansion are simple enough in nature to have a teen perform.

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?

Ongoing sustainability efforts include education of donors and community members on the importance of our Teen Court program, focusing on our low recidivism rate and the effectiveness and innovation of restorative justice programming.. We have opportunities throughout the year to showcase and market our programs to bring in local community members. Our Teen Court "Second Chances" Art Show has been a tremendous way to promote the tenets of Teen Court, while artfully engaging youth artists, the business community and community-at-large who love Arts Alive! Our fundraising events, donor reports, and social media outlets include program updates and marketing of community benefit BGCR youth programming provides.

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?

Teen Court receives a combination of local governmental, state, and foundation grant funding. Teen Court also receives individual and business donations.

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

If awarded, we will use this grant to leverage additional community support. This will be achieved through ongoing strategic work from our Board and Executive Director in donor cultivation and stewardship. By choosing to more rigorously market and showcase to our donors the great impact Teen Court has on our youth, we will be better able to demonstrate the importance of BGCR community service to its youth. We will also work to educate donors on how retention of professional staff is key to the ongoing success of our programs.

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.

BGCR plans to continue its efforts to strengthen its core volunteer staff which are an integral part of carrying out all programming. Although not a new partner, an essential ongoing partner is Humboldt State University. We partner with HSU in bringing in interns from the Social Work, Sociology/Criminology, Recreation, Child Development and Business departments to assist with program assessment, research in gaps in services for youth locally, assessment of program effectiveness as well as doing hands-on programming and activities with members.

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 prior fiscal years, please provide the results of implementation. (one page maximum)

Program Budget – see attached

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: 2/17/17 _____

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.

Measure Z Funding Request for Teen Court – FY 2017-18

Proposal Narrative

Programs that positively impact our youth's lives embody the heart and soul of the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods (BGCR). This "Great Futures Vision" ensures that success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school on time with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

BGCR provides programming for youth ages 5-18 and in 2016, adopted Boys & Girls Clubs of America's "Year of the Teen" initiative. Teen membership is decreasing significantly in Clubs nationwide every year and negative statistics are increasing: high school drop out rates, teen pregnancy, drug/alcohol abuse and crimes. Increasing the quality and relevance of teen program delivery, providing incentives to recruit and retain teens, partnering with organizations in the private and public sectors that can support what our teens need and want, all contribute to how we locally want to serve a demographic of youth who need us most. Teen Court is an innovative diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders. It is a real court of law that is entirely operated by youth volunteers (teen jurors, teen attorneys, clerk, and judge), with an adult mentor judge and attorneys providing guidance. The teen jury focuses on coming up with a restorative sentence that will help the offender to repair harms and learn from their mistake. These courts are designed to empower youth, promote accountability, provide access to youth resources, and model peer leadership. Teen Courts have succeeded in hundreds of communities across the country because they offer an important educational opportunity for young people to learn about how the justice system works and put civics into practice.

Teen Court is a collaborative program involving the Humboldt County Probation Department, the Humboldt County Superior Court, local police departments and schools, and other community service entities.

Teen Court addresses the problem of anti-social, delinquent and criminal behavior engaged in by young people, with the particular goal of building resiliency in youth and families. The program provides opportunities in service-learning education, career pathways, and engagement in positive peer role modeling. This intensive after-school program for teens includes leadership development, trainings in civic responsibility, and mentoring with judges and attorneys while functioning as an innovative alternative juvenile offender diversion program where teens, who have taken responsibility for their offense, agree to have their case heard by their peers. By providing a forum for students to deliver justice to peers who have engaged in first-time criminal activity or other problem behavior, youth courts put civics into practice. Youth are supported in achieving academic excellence and pursuing educational and professional opportunities in the law. They are able to develop critical thinking and persuasion skills to form and present reasoned judgments, and they see how volunteerism and effort can positively affect future educational opportunities.

With Measure Z funding, BGCR will be able to serve more teens by increasing the FTE of the Unit Director and Program Assistant and hire an additional 1.12 FTE staff to ensure that we have a highly trained and professional staff to offer quality programming including valuable mentoring to our members. BGCR will continue to serve a vulnerable population in our population and engage in intervention and prevention methods to promote resiliency for our youth. We believe we can empower teens with skills and resources in many aspects of their lives. This will position youth for greater success including post-secondary education so that they go on to become productive, active citizens in our community.

Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods
Humboldt County Measure Z Funding Budget-Teen Court
7-1-17 - 6-30-18

Grant Request: \$ 100,000

Description	Amount	Comments
<u>Personnel</u>		
Unit Director-Teen Court	\$ 18,360	25 hrs./week
Program Director-Teen Court	\$ 11,305	20 hrs.week
Program Assistant-Teen Court	\$ 5,720	new position-10 hrs.
Program Lead Director	\$ 23,205	new position-35 hrs.
Subtotal	\$ 58,590	
Fringes	\$ 10,253	17.5% rate
Total Direct Services		
Personnel	\$ 68,843	
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Equipment	\$ 1,500	
Field Trips	\$ 3,000	
Consultant	\$ 5,000	
Utilities	\$ 1,000	
Food	\$ 1,000	
Building & Security	\$ 900	
Printing	\$ 857	
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 600	
Program Supplies	\$ 1,000	
Office Supplies	\$ 800	
Telephone	\$ 1,500	
Training	\$ 1,000	
Travel	\$ 3,000	
Total Operating	\$ 21,157	
Indirect	\$ 10,000	6% rate
Total Grant	\$ 100,000	