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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 2017-18: \$ 162,685

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 a full time law enforcement position. Trinidad contracts with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, and that contract currently supports one full time deputy sheriff, who works four days 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 hub for the greater Trinidad area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Having an assigned peace officer centered in Trinidad 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 the County and other local 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. The City's voter approved sales tax was just renewed, insuring that we can at least sustain our one locally funded deputy for the foreseeable future. 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.

The City is in discussions with the Trinidad Rancheria about the potential to share some public safety costs in the future, and that could help sustain an additional deputy beyond the *Measure Z* funding. 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 advised us we need to work in whole numbers. However a deputy that was split between the City and the Rancheria, or between the City and the contract city of Blue Lake seems like an option worth revisiting with HCSO.

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 onto 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. The Trinidad Rancheria is interested in increasing their law enforcement efforts, possibly in partnership with the City. 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**

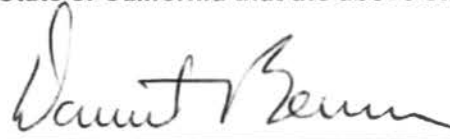
**Proposal Narrative:** Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or for public safety. (one page maximum)

**Prior Year Results:** If your request is a continuation of a program funded with *Measure Z* in prior fiscal years, please provide the results of implementation. (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: 2-16-17

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.

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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 will 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.

City of Trinidad  
Prior Year Results  
2017 Measure Z Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad requested funds in 2016 for one (1) full time deputy sheriff position as part of our contract for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). We were awarded half of our request, with the intent of sharing a full time deputy between Trinidad and Blue Lake. Unfortunately the Sheriff's Office was not able to spare a deputy to fill this position in 2016. As a result the funds have not yet been put to use. As a result of recent hires, and new recruits making their way through the Academy, the Sheriff's Office expects that they will have deputies available in the fall of 2017.

To put the 2016 allocated funds to work, the City has requested that the Board of Supervisors approve an alternative proposal, where the funds would be available to support and supplement our existing contract with the Sheriff's Office. Specifically this would allow the City to supplement our one full time deputy with up to 3 additional eight hour shifts per week to cover days (and nights) where we currently have no local coverage. We expect the Board of Supervisors to consider this request in the next few weeks (by early March 2017).

**Budget**  
**City of Trinidad Measure Z request - 2017**

Date: 2/15/17

Descriptions	Amounts
<b>A. Personnel Costs</b>	
Title: One Deputy Sheriff <b>Salary and Benefits</b> This is the expected contract rate for 1 FTE Deputy Sheriff. Our contract is up for Calculation: renewal and final costs are not set. The City will cover any difference if need be. This is the entire Measure Z request - the City will cover all other costs.	162,685.00
Duties Description:	
<b>Total Personnel:</b>	
	162,685.00
<b>B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)</b>	
Title: Rent	
Description: Rent for office space (Provided by City)	\$9,000
Title: Utilities, phone, (Provided by City)	
Description:	\$3,500
Title: Desktop Computer (Provided by City)	
Description:	\$850
<b>Total Operating Costs:</b>	
	\$13,350
<b>C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)</b>	
Title: Office consumables - paper, ink, misc office supplies	
Description:	\$1,000
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	
<b>Total</b>	
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MEASURE Z Request</b>	
	<b>\$162,685.00</b>
<b>Total City Contribution</b>	
	<b>14,350.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	
	<b>\$177,035.00</b>