

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 should 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.

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, the state COPS program, and an existing *Measure Z* grant to support one full time deputy and one half time deputy. The COPS grant and the General Fund are relatively stable, while the *Measure Z* funding requires annual discretionary approval from the County. We receive a fixed minimum COPS allocation, usually with no CPI adjustment, so that source is slowly falling in real dollar terms. Our GF revenue is composed primarily of 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 full time 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 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. If this proposal is partially funded, similar to last year, then the current situation of one deputy split between Trinidad and Blue Lake could continue with no change or effort from the present.

8. Are there recurring expenses associated to this application, such as personnel costs? Please check yes or no and if so, please detail those expenses. X Yes No

This proposal would fund a deputy sheriff employed by the County, at the 'loaded' rate that the HCSO charges to Cities that contract for such services. If Measure Z funding is not renewed or available, and the City cannot continue to support the position, I assume the HCSO would need to either let the deputy go or cover their costs within the HCSO budget.

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)

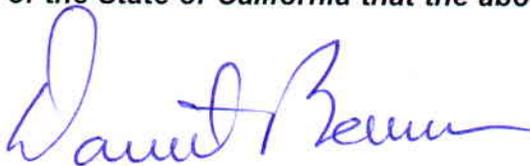
Program Budget

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:

2/22/2018

SIGNATURE:



Daniel Berman
City Manager

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on *Measure Z* Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office 825 Fifth Street, Room 112 Eureka, CA
95501-1153

City of Trinidad
Project Narrative
Measure Z 2018 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, and a half time deputy funded by Measure Z and split between Trinidad and Blue Lake (two days/wk in each City) .

The City is pleased with our deputies 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 deputies have required training, or medical or other leave, and we are left with very little dedicated coverage for one to two weeks at a time.

Trinidad's contract deputies, by agreement between the City and HCSO, serve the 'Greater Trinidad Area' from Westhaven to Patrick's Point, which is otherwise covered from the McKinleyville Sheriff's Station. 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. When no Trinidad Deputy is on duty, calls from our area require response from McKinleyville , which increases critical response time, and leaves McKinleyville short staffed.

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. If our full funding request is not feasible, we would be pleased to continue sharing a deputy with Blue Lake.

On behalf of the City of Trinidad, thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

City of Trinidad
Prior Year Results
2018 Measure Z Funding Proposal

The City of Trinidad requested funds in both 2016 and 2017 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 both years, with the intent of sharing a full time deputy between Trinidad and Blue Lake. Due to staffing shortages, the Sheriff's Office was not able to spare a deputy to fill this split position until January of 2017.

To put the 2016 allocated funds to work, the City requested and the Board of Supervisors approved an alternative proposal for the funds to support and supplement our existing contract with the Sheriff's Office. This allowed 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. The City continued with these extra shifts until the additional deputy came into service in January of this year.

These extra shifts, and now our additional half time deputy, have led to increased public safety in Trinidad, and in the Greater Trinidad Area from Westhaven to Patrick's Point. Law enforcement presence alone is a significant deterrent to criminal activity. Having deputies assigned to Trinidad relieves the McKinleyville substation from having to cover this large geographic area, which can leave the more urban McKinleyville area short staffed. Trinidad deputies have been involved with a wide range of public safety activities including welfare checks for seniors, search and rescue on our hazardous coastal bluffs and shoreline, child welfare and domestic violence, drug enforcement, and .

Specific accomplishments include a reduction in crime and calls for service associated with Hidden Creek Trailer Park, which had been a significant 'hotspot' for problems in Trinidad and significant improvements in the impact of transient campers on our Trinidad Museum and Library through steady law enforcement presence and follow up. The residents of Trinidad have been thrilled to have more presence and activity from the Sheriff's Office as a result of measure Z funding.

Budget
City of Trinidad Measure Z request - 2018

Date: 2/22/18

Descriptions	Amounts
A. Personnel Costs	
Title: One Deputy Sheriff Salary and Benefits 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:	
Total Personnel:	
162,685.00	
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)	
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
Total Operating Costs:	
\$13,350	
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)	
Title: Office consumables - paper, ink, misc office supplies	
Description:	\$1,000
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	
Title:	
Description:	
Total	
\$1,000.00	
TOTAL MEASURE Z Request	
\$162,685.00	
Total City Contribution	
14,350.00	
TOTAL COST	
\$177,035.00	