



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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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2018-19: \$

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.

Our company would like to provide defensible space for vulnerable communities in Humboldt County. Homes & structures throughout rural Humboldt are at risk from Alder Point to Willow Creek. Humboldt county fire safe council knows where biggest threats are and could aid in narrowing down specific sites.

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?

Networking has helped a lot. Our business has been largely grant based and we have been working with grants through the county of Humboldt FLASH Grant, CAL Fire's QFIP grant, & NRCS (federal) EQIP grant to provide funding for most of our work. There is also defensible space funding legislation working its way through the legislator as I write this

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?

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

A large part of our business is through education & putting all the pieces together so landowners are best informed. We would expand our outreach through education at events & through Fire Safe Councils. We would use them to pursue more grants - mostly from California Fire Safe Council.

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.

It might. I would like to include Cybelle Immitt & others from the Humboldt Fire Safe Councils to prioritize vulnerable areas. They have been instrumental in planning & networking but lack funds & a crew to implement the work.

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. Yes No

ATTACHMENTS—Please include the following with your application

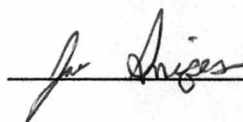
Proposal Narrative: Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or for public safety. (one page maximum)

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: 1/31/2018

SIGNATURE: 

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

Proposal Narrative

The wildfire threat seems to get bigger every year. Rural and now urban communities are now on constant watch throughout the most intense time of fire season. In light on the Fall Santa Rosa and Mendocino fires that ravished large communities in both counties, the application and integration of defensible space for land owners has never been more important.

Humboldt County Fire Safe Council has a lot better idea of community needs as far as communities meeting defensible space objectives. The Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan outlines priority areas through out the county and I feel that their input would best dictate our course of action.

Most of Humboldt County faces severe wildfire threat, mainly from human caused landscape changes such as wildfire suppression, logging and urban sprawl. Defensible space work is an essential service for public safety as wildfires near communities almost always destroy life and property. The recent fires in Santa Rosa that happened late in for a typical fire season saw 24 deaths and 5,100 structures/homes destroyed which had a severe and immediate economic impact. We cannot and should not stand idly by and watch this happen to Humboldt County residence.

Program Budget

I do not have a budget to submit and realize that this may harm my chances of being selected for funding. My intention is to see where this will go, and if I get mild interest from the committee then I would pursue further help from Cybelle Immitt and/or other Fire Safe Council leaders to help prioritize areas and draft a budget.

--Also, we are a new company and have been officially incorporated for about a year. Please check us out at www.forestscapesllc.com to learn more. We are also on Facebook and Instagram (@forestscapesllc). We are part of the Humboldt Cannabis Chamber of Commerce and Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and hope to be a part of Eureka Chamber of Commerce soon. We have many good community references to back up our work as well as many connections through out the wildfire community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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