CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Humboldt County Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures is now accepting applications for funding. Measure Z, Humboldt County’s Public Safety/Essential Services Measure, is a half-cent sales tax, passed by the voters of Humboldt County during the November 2014 general election.

The Advisory Committee meets on each Thursday in March to review applications and will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in April.

Applications for funding must be filed with the County Administrative Office BY 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 15, 2021. Postmarks are not acceptable for meeting this deadline.

Agency Name: Fortuna Police Department

Contact Person/Title: Casey J. Day, Chief of Police

Mailing Address: PO Box 545

Phone Number: 7077257550

City: Fortuna

Email address: cday@ci.fortuna.ca.us

Zip code 95540

1. Amount of Measure Z Funding Requested for FY 2021-22: $ 35,266.74

2. Entity Type:

☐ Humboldt County Department
☐ Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County
☒ Local Government Entity
☐ Private Service Provider
☐ Non-Profit Service Provider
☐ Other (Describe Below)

Other: 

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3. Describe how the scope of your proposal fits the intent of Measure Z. Specifically, how will it maintain and improve public safety and essential services, as described on the previous page? (750 character limit)

The Fortuna Police Department needs to improve and increase public safety interoperable communications capabilities. This specific grant request for Measure Z funding will cover the costs associated with upgrading the portable radios currently being used by Fortuna Police Officers. The current radios operate using an analog platform and are over 12 years old. Digital integration and capabilities will be necessary in the very near future in order to better communicate with allied agencies who have already transitioned or will be transitioning to digital platforms.

4. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding. (1500 character limit)

The requested Measure Z funding will fully replace all portable radios that are currently in use. 25 Kenwood brand, model NX-5200K2, VHF 6W STD Keypad Portable Radios will be purchased and digitally programed for use and interconnectivity with allied agencies. This new equipment will eliminate compatibility issues which currently exist between digital and analog based operating systems.
5. How have you developed a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future Measure Z funds? (750 character limit)

The City’s prior revenue enhancing strategies were negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The City of Fortuna continues to work toward future revenue enriching strategies despite Covid-19 related challenges. Strategies include: City fee increases, staff restructuring, and a continued effort to build and solidify sales tax revenue by making Fortuna an attractive venue to locate or re-locate businesses. Additionally, the City is always looking for opportunities to establish public and private partnerships. Although fee increases and sales tax revenues were areas most notably impacted by Covid-19, staff restructuring has been an area of concentration. The removal of the office supervisor position is the most recent example.

6. 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? (500 character limit)

N/A

7. If you are awarded Measure Z funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions or community support? (500 character limit)

This grant request will fund the one time purchase and replacement of outdated portable radio systems which are currently deployed by the Fortuna Police. The City’s General Fund will be leveraged for any ongoing maintenance associated with this project.
8. Will the proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, name the entity and describe what participation would look like. (750 character limit)

No.

9. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel costs?

☐ No  ☐ Yes

If Yes, detail those expenses here: (500 character limit)

N/A

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS - Be sure to include the following with your application

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: Please utilize the template provided on the following pages. This will need to be updated if your agency is approved for funding.

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: 02/10/2021  Signature: Casey J. Day

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures

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DATE: February 4, 2021

EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL: FORTUNA POLICE DEPT

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CITY OF FORTUNA POLICE: PORTABLE RADIO/DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT
CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES
Attachment 1 – Proposal Narrative

The Fortuna Police Department is very proud of the working relationships we have fostered with many county agencies. The Fortuna Police Department works very closely with the Humboldt County Sheriffs’ Department, Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office, Mental Health, County Probation and many other county agencies.

Upon inception of Measure Z the City Finance Department estimated that Measure Z would generate roughly $1,000,000 per year within the City Limits of Fortuna. The City of Fortuna is the fastest growing incorporated city in Humboldt County and the police department has seen the total number of calls for service almost double in the past twelve years, from roughly 11,000 CFS in 2005 to nearly 24,000 CFS in 2019. With a city population of nearly 13,000, the City of Fortuna serves as the “hub” of the Eel River Valley as the major shopping and business center for the area.

The Fortuna Police Department hopes to keep this vital position in place and looks forward to continuing this relationship with the County and Measure Z, making all of Humboldt County and our Eel River Valley Schools a safer and better place to live, learn and enjoy.

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N/A – No Prior year data to report.