



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

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

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Agency Name: Humboldt Senior Resource Center

Mailing Address: 1910 California St, Eureka, CA 95501

Contact Person: Janet Ruprecht Title: Development Manager

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2023-2024: \$56,217.57

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, Describe: _____

3. Is this application a renewal or related to a project that has been funded by Measure Z in the past? (check one) Yes No

4. 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?

The Humboldt Senior Resource Center employs a Community Resource & Housing Specialist who is providing the essential services of helping to prevent homelessness, improve housing security, and connect seniors and disabled adults to community resources allowing them to safely age in place.

The Specialist is responsible to:

- Provide services, support, and access to resources for seniors and adults with disabilities
- Provide financial, rental, or home repair assistance if individual qualifies
- Locate affordable housing and assist with rent applications
- Coordinate and pay for installation of safety and accessibility services
- Refer individuals to programs providing behavioral health services and food security



- Provide a safe place for seniors and adults with disabilities to ask for help
- Connect individual with community resources and supports
- Assist individuals to safely age in place

5. A brief description of the proposal.

We are seeking to continue providing resources and assistance to seniors and adults with disabilities in our community by requesting funding for one full-time a Community Resource & Housing Specialist position.

This grant will allow the Specialist to expand outreach to increase the number of community resource providers we partner with, as well as widen the pool of individuals we are able to assist.

6. 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?

Currently no grant funding is available to pay for the expense of having this position on staff. We are confident in our ability to qualify for the state and federal funds available to support housing security and prevent homelessness. Measure Z funding will provide us additional time to actively pursue these and also to pursue more funding to expand the community resource services we provide.

7. 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?

A grant from the County pays directly for services, no longer reimburses for staffing, and it is restricted to assisting Medi-Cal recipients. It has only approximately \$11,116.33 remaining.

A grant from the Umpqua Bank Community Foundation is also strictly to pay for services and not to be used for staffing, and it is restricted to helping low-income seniors only. It has \$5,000 remaining.

For about 20 years, the City of Eureka has provided a grant for minor home repairs and safety modifications for residents within the city limits. In recent years, the size of this grant has been \$5,000. This program is housed in a different department, Nutrition & Activities, and is not administered by, nor does it help pay for, the Community Resource and Housing Specialist.

8. If you are awarded *Measure Z* funds, how do you plan to leverage these funds to secure additional grants, contributions, or community support?

Measure Z funds will allow us more time to apply for state and federal grants that will assist a wider range of seniors and disabled adults. We will also have more time to build strong relationships with other resource providers to serve new demographics and apply for additional grant funding to support specific groups, such as veterans and low-income individuals who are not eligible for Medi-Cal.

9. Will this proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, name that entity and describe what that participation would look like.

No.



10. Are there recurring expenses associated with this application, such as personnel cost? Please check yes or no:

Yes No

If you checked yes, detail those expenses here:

This application is requesting funding to pay for one full-time Community Resource and Housing Specialist position for a year.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Include the following with your application, making sure to **limit your responses to one page, per section**. Responses longer than the maximum, may not be read by committee members or considered as part of 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: 2/15/2023

SIGNATURE: Jamet Nayroch

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

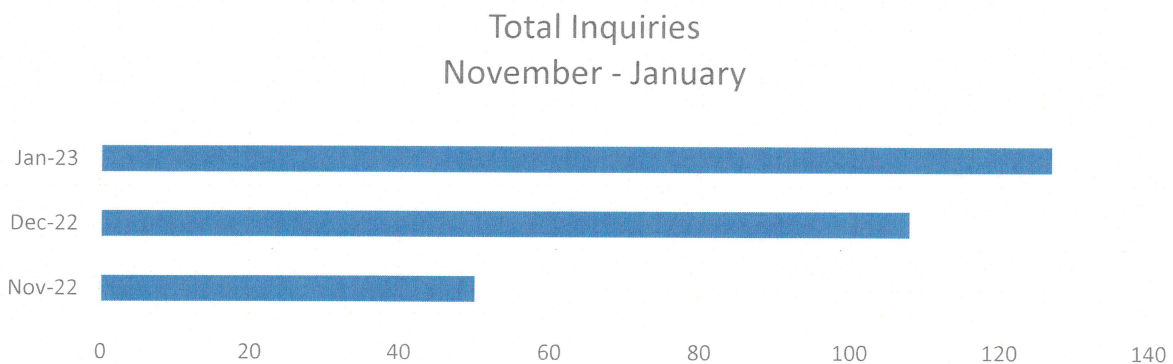
Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on *Measure Z* Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Suite 112
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Attachment I.

Housing and Community Resources: Prior Year Results

The Humboldt Senior Resource Center (HSRC) was first awarded the HEAP grant in August of 2019 in the amount of \$323,529.00. The grant was to assist Humboldt County Medi-Cal enrolled individuals who were experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. HSRC applied this grant to the populations that we serve by assisting qualifying seniors with assistance in locating housing, securing housing, and maintaining housing. This translated to assistance with rental applications, housing searches, transitional housing, monetary assistance for security deposits and past due rents once an eviction notice had been served, delinquent utility payments, and home safety and accessibility repairs. The grant was administered by a Housing Coordinator employed by HSRC and paid for through the HEAP grant. The HEAP grant was discontinued and transitioned into a more flexible grant in May of 2020 called an IGT grant, which allowed HSRC to be a bit more flexible with the services provided to Medi-Cal enrolled seniors by removing the reporting requirement. We continue to use to assist Medi-Cal enrolled seniors experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

In February 2022, we determined a greater need of the community to not only receive assistance with locating housing, but also to connect seniors and adults with disabilities to other community resources. That month we transitioned our 32 hour per week Housing Coordinator position to a full time 40 hour per week Community Resource and Housing Specialist position. The HSRC 1910 building headquarters had just re-opened its doors to the public after being closed for over a year. The Community Resource and Housing Specialist was still tasked with the duties of the IGT grant, but also began reaching out to community partners such as the Providence Community Resource Centers, A1AA, Light House of the North Coast, Hospice of Humboldt and McKinleyville Senior Center to build relationships and further understand other resources available in our county.



Inquiries for services and resources have increased 254% since November 2022. This in large part is attributed to increased outreach efforts.

Currently we are on our second extension of the IGT grant and have approximately \$11,000 in funds remaining. The grant no longer pays for the HSRC Community Resource and Housing Specialist position as the portion of the grant allocated to reimbursement of staff wages has been removed. In addition, in November of 2022, HSRC received a \$5,000 grant to assist low-income seniors in Humboldt County with home repairs. Additional grants are being applied for.

Exhibit E

PROPOSED BUDGET

Agency Name: Humboldt Senior Resource Center
Coordinator/Contact: Janet Ruprecht
Address: 1910 California St, Eureka, CA 95501
Phone: 707-443-9747 ext 1231

Descriptions	Costs	Requested Budget	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs			
Title: Community Resource and Housing Specialist Salary and Benefits Duties Description: Administer Grants, Connect public with resources and	56,217.57	56,217.57	0
Title: Salary and Benefits Duties Description:			0
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Total Personnel:	56,217.57	56,217.57	0.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Total Operating Costs:	0	0	0
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Total Consumable/Supplies:	0	0	0
D. Transportation/Travel (Local and Out-of-County should be separate)			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Total Transportation/Travel Costs:	0	0	0
E. Fixed Assets			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Title: Description:			
Total Other Costs:	0	0	0
Budget Total:	56,217.57		