



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 County Public Works**

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY 2023-2024: \$ 250,000

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?

Illegal dumping in Humboldt County is not only a concern to the health and safety of the public, but it also adversely affects the environment, including our waterways. Illegal dumping in our County often become hazardous to drivers, pedestrians and the environment. Humboldt County Public Works is seeking funding to assist in the identification and removal of non-hazardous and hazardous illegal dumping that is currently taking place throughout the County. Measure Z funding would cover short-term equipment needs and dumping fees associated with cleaning these sites up. Measure Z funds would also be used to contract with entities that are qualified to appropriately cleanup and dispose of waste that is determined to be "hazardous". This year these funds would also be used to cost match the percentage needed for Clean California grant that we feel we have a good chance of receiving.



5. Please provide a brief description of the proposal for which you are seeking funding.

This funding is for the direct cost of illegal cleanups such as dump fees; Hazardous Materials disposal fees; the cost to hire professional services to remove Hazardous Materials; direct costs associated with supporting nonprofit cleanup efforts by funding waste bins and the cost match for the Clean California grant. If cost match for Clean California grant is not funded by Measure Z public works would still ask for remainder of funding request, so we would be able to continue to do the minimum needed.

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, cleanup of illegal dumping, illegal encampments, hazardous waste, and hazardous spills in Humboldt is being funded by existing road and park maintenance funds as well as other government funds. Because of the high demand on Public Works staff, for waste management, funds are being exhausted that should be used for keeping our public roads adequately maintained and our parks safe to visit and enjoy. Humboldt County Public Works is currently seeking several opportunities, in addition to Measure Z funds, for supplemental funding and support from grants and partnerships. For example, partnering with the Humboldt Waste Management Authority to reduce disposal fees is being explored. Another example is the financial support currently provided to nonprofit cleanup crews such as New Life and Eel River cleanup crew and John Shelters, New Directions. By supplementing cleanup costs with Measure Z funding, Public Works can focus on developing a plan for programmatic sustainability in the long-term and seeking grant funding, all while providing an elevated level of public service and safety in the short-term.

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?

As mentioned above, costs associated with illegal dumping and hazardous waste spills comes out of the Public Works roads and parks maintenance funds, Measure Z funds (when allocated), as well as other government funds. Currently, expenditures on illegal dumping cleanup are taking away funds and resources needed for the everyday maintenance of our county roads and parks.

To further complicate cleanup efforts, funding from sources can only be spent in ways authorized by that funding source. As an example, road funds cannot be used to clean up illegal dumping outside of the county maintained right of way. However, funds such as Measure Z do not have restrictions on where the funds can be spent and provide flexibility for Public Works to assist with cleaning up encampments.



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

Public Works is currently working on an application for possible Clean California grant funding of up to 2 million dollars. Measure Z funds would be crucial in leveraging this grant funding as the cost share is 12.5%. The Department of Public Works strongly believes that the community currently views illegal dumping in our County as a safety issue. Public Works trusts the community would overwhelmingly support Measure Z funds being appropriated to assist with cleaning up these sites and not having these costs expended from the already underfunded maintenance funds required to keep our roads and parks safe. Measure Z funds are a result of both the population of Humboldt County as well as folks from outside the County paying sales taxes on purchases. These same people use our county roads and enjoy our County parks. Illegal dumping is a problem that impacts all of those who live and visit Humboldt County, and Measure Z funds can help facilitate a solution.

Public Works is also able to leverage this funding by partnering with local non-profit organizations that volunteer their time to clean up illegal dumpsites and illegal encampments. This partnership works by Public Works paying the "dump fees" and arranging for the delivery and pickup of waste bins so that the volunteers can cleanup a site.

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. As funding for the program increases, Public Works will be able to fund the clean-up of more sites. The agencies that assist Public Works with the cleanup have capacity and their increased work effort will be funded through program. The cleanup program is fully scalable based upon the funding that is allocated to it.

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

If you checked yes, detail those expenses here:



REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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: 2/17/23 SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature]

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

MEASURE Z PROPOSAL NARRATIVE ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping in Humboldt County is not only a concern to the health and safety of the public, but it also adversely affects the environment, including our waterways. Illegal dumping in our County often become hazardous to drivers, pedestrians and the environment. Humboldt County Public Works regularly receives calls from county residents regarding removal of illegal dumping that is currently taking place throughout the County. Public Works does not have sufficient funding to address the demand for cleaning up illegal dumpsites. In addition to the increase in quantity of dumpsites, the program also faces challenges in terms of increased costs of "dump fees" paid at the transfer station; increased costs associated with identifying, handling, transporting, and disposing of hazardous waste funding support from Measure Z would cover equipment needs and dumping fees associated with cleaning these sites up. Measure Z funds would also be used to contract with entities that are qualified to appropriately cleanup and dispose of hazardous waste.

Currently, the cleanup of illegal dumping, illegal encampments, hazardous waste, and hazardous spills in Humboldt is being funded by existing road and park maintenance funds, as well as other government funds. To further complicate cleanup efforts, funding from sources can only be spent in ways authorized by that funding source. As an example, road funds cannot be used to clean up illegal dumping outside of the county maintained right of way. However, funds such as Measure Z do not have restrictions on where the funds can be spent and provide flexibility for Public Works to assist with cleaning up encampments. Because of the high volume of illegal dumping that occurs on County Roads funds are being exhausted that would otherwise be used for keeping our public roads adequately maintained.

Humboldt County Public Works is currently seeking several opportunities, in addition to Measure Z funding, for supplemental funding and support from grants and partnerships. For example, Public Works is seeking grant funding from the Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program to help cover disposal and cleanup costs resulting from illegal dumping. If funded by the State, Measure Z dollars will serve as a match for the Caltrans grant and the County could receive much more funding for disposal at illegal dump sites. Partnering with the Humboldt Waste Management Authority to reduce disposal fees is also being explored as a means to sustain the ongoing need for cleaning up illegal dumping that occurs on public property. Another example is the financial support currently provided to nonprofit cleanup crews such as New Life and Eel River cleanup crew and the crews from John Shelters New Directions. By supplementing cleanup costs now with Measure Z funding, Public Works can focus on

developing a plan for programmatic sustainability in the long-term, while providing an elevated level of public service and safety in the short-term. In addition, this request is two-fold the amount requested will be used for the local cost share of a clean California grant. If we are not successful with the grant the funds will be used for the normal illegal dumping cost as in past applications.

Exhibit E

PROPOSED BUDGET

Agency Name: Humboldt County Public Works
Coordinator/Contact: Thomas Mattson
Address: 1106 Second Street
Phone: 707- 445-7491

Descriptions	Costs	Requested Budget	Remaining Balance
A. Personnel Costs			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Title:			
Salary and Benefits			0
Duties Description:			
Total Personnel:	0.00		0.00
B. Operational Costs (Rent, Utilities, Phones, etc.)			
Title: Clean California Grant = \$ 2,000,000.00 two Million			
Description: Cost Match 12.5% or used for illegal dumping pending grant	250,000		
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Operating Costs:	250000		0
C. Consumables/Supplies (Supplies and Consumables should be separate)			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Consumable/Supplies:	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
E. Fixed Assets			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Title:			
Description:			
Total Other Costs:	0		0
Budget Total:	250,000.00		