

**County of San Mateo
County Manager's Office**

CRITERIA FOR USE OF MEASURE A FUNDS V. GENERAL FUNDS

Given the County's future capital and IT needs, we recommend against issuing General Fund loans except to County Non-General Fund departments where the payback is guaranteed through taxes, surcharges and/or fees. We don't believe it is prudent at this time to provide General Fund loans and grants to outside agencies and non-profits unless said payback is expected during the same fiscal year in which the loan was tendered. Subsequent to the June hearings, the voters of San Mateo County passed **Measure K**, which extends the half-cent sales tax an additional twenty years. The criteria for **Measure A** shall extend to **Measure K** following the Board's acceptance of the Chief Election Official's certification of the election results.

Measure A funds may be used for loans to cities, special districts and school districts provided there is a guaranteed funding source, and to non-profits based on sound financial statements and may include liens if deemed necessary. In addition, **Measure A** funds may be used to provide grants to cities, special districts, non-profits and private for-profit businesses as long as such grants are consistent with and address the Board's budget priorities, including but not limited to ending homelessness, developing affordable workforce housing, providing training opportunities and internships for emancipated foster youth, and other district priorities for district-specific grants.

Proposed Use	Borrower	Payback Terms	Gen Fund	Meas A
Short-term loan (< 5 years)	County Depts*	Guaranteed	X	
Short-term loan (< 5 years)	City / Special / School	Guaranteed		X
Short-term loan (< 5 years)	Non-Profit	Financials / Lien		X
Long-term loan (> 5 years)	County Depts*	Guaranteed	X	
Long-term loan (> 5 years)	City / Special / School	Guaranteed		X
Long-term loan (> 5 years)	Non-Profit	Financials / Lien		X
Grant**	City / Special / School	N/A		X
Grant**	Non-Profit	N/A		X
Grant**	Private For-Profit	N/A		X

*Examples of loans to departments include loans to departmental enterprise funds.

**Grants should be consistent with and address the Board's budget priorities, and/or district priorities in the case of district-specific grants. Prior example is grant for Farm Labor Housing.