



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 23-349

Board Meeting Date: 5/23/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Executive
Subject: Use of District-Discretionary **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial District 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-discretionary **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$39,000, to KHMB Community Radio for equipment improvements to enhance communications and emergency information during climate events, and authorizing the County Executive, or designee, to execute the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years.

On March 9, 2021, and March 23, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) held study sessions on **Measure K** expenditures and anticipated revenue for fiscal years (FY) 2021-23. The Board-appointed **Measure K** sub-committee, consisting of Supervisor Pine and Supervisor Canepa, convened the study sessions to, among other things, work with staff to facilitate the Board's development of **Measure K** priorities and continuing initiatives for FYs 2021-23. The Board approved \$5 million in one-time loans or grants for the FY 2021-23 budget cycle, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-discretionary needs and projects. District 3 has submitted a request to use their district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

District/Project	Amount
District 3 (Supervisor Ray Mueller) - KHMB Community Radio: Equipment improvements to enhance communications and emergency information during climate events	\$39,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds approved by the

Board in December 2018.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This is a request to authorize a grant to KHMB Community Radio and resulting grant agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$39,000, to provide for equipment improvements to enhance communications and emergency information during climate events. The County Executive’s Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

The past three years of climate-related emergencies have revealed the coast’s fragile communications infrastructure and made evident the need to expand and bolster local radio communications.

KHMB operates public radio in the communities of Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Half Moon Bay and Pescadero. This proposal seeks to increase KHMB station resiliency and reach by replacing existing KHMB radio equipment to enhance emergency communications and information to residents across the coastside. For vulnerable rural areas, the public requires trusted communication and information during an emergency and cannot afford to have disruption of services. Specifically, KHMB proposes to use the Measure K funds on the following items:

Generator and Extended Battery equipment for resilient operations	\$12,000
Transmitter building replacements at Half Moon Bay studio site	\$17,000
Live broadcast emergency van to access impacted areas	\$10,000
Total Budget:	\$39,000

Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$39,000

The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of an agreement providing for the County’s confirmation of the expenditure of funds for the purposes stated herein. The County will disburse the funds to the following organization for the purposes described above:

KHMB Community Radio

Jim Henderson, General Manager

625 Miramontes Street

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

650-726-1710

jhenderson@khmbradio.com <mailto:jhenderson@khmbradio.com>

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Description	Target
New equipment for operations resiliency purchased (generator, extended battery equipment, transmitter building replacements, and emergency van)	Complete

The County Attorney’s Office has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2022-23 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget.