



SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 2/27/2024

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services
Staff Name and Phone Number: Tina Rivera 707-565-4774
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Measure O Update and Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Recommended Action:

Receive the Measure O Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as approved by the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Measure O.

Executive Summary:

The Citizen's Oversight Committee for the Measure O Transactions & Use Tax Ordinance, on October 4, 2023, approved and is submitting the annual report for FY 2022-2023 associated with the ten-year measure to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. The Oversight Committee affirms that the expenditures meet the intent of the ordinance. The Measure O Annual Report provides the Board and voters with an update on the programmatic spending and accomplishments of Measure O funding achieved during fiscal year 2022-2023 as administered by the Sonoma County Department of Health Services (hereinafter "DHS" or, "the Department").

Discussion:

In November 2020 Sonoma County voters passed Measure O to provide essential funding for mental health and homeless services with 68.07 percent of the vote. Measure O, a one-quarter cent sales tax, was estimated to generate over \$25 million each year for ten years to help protect essential mental health and homelessness services. The Measure O Sales Tax Ordinance identified five categories of services to be funded with the revenue: 1) Behavioral Health Facilities, 2) Emergency Psychiatric and Crisis Services, 3) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Services, 4) Behavioral Health Homeless and Care Coordination, and 5) Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. The Measure O Expenditure Plan designates a set percentage of funding for each category. The current projection for fiscal year 2024-2025 Measure O revenue is approximately \$31 million.

On December 7, 2021, the Board of Supervisors established a Citizen's Oversight Committee to monitor the implementation of Measure O. On October 4, 2023, the committee voted to confirm that the Measure O expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 met the intent of the measure, and the annual report appropriately details remaining fund balances for behavioral health and homeless services in future years. The Annual Report includes a table that details Measure O revenue, expenditures, and fund balance ending June 30, 2023. The English version of the Measure O Annual Report is provided as Attachment 1 and the Spanish version is provided as Attachment 2.

The Annual Report is also a tool for communicating to the public the impact of these Measure O funds in

providing essential services to the community. The Measure O Annual Report will be posted on the County's website and emailed to the list of stakeholders and public who have joined the Measure O mailing list. Hard copies in English and Spanish are available through DHS by emailing requests to MeasureO@sonoma-county.org <<mailto:MeasureO@sonoma-county.org>>.

Strategic Plan:

This item directly supports the County's Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

Pillar: Healthy and Safe Communities

Goal: Goal 2: Increase information sharing and transparency and improve County and community engagement

Objective: Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

On April 18, 2023 the Board A) Received the Measure O Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as approved by the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Measure O; B) Adopted a personnel resolution amending the allocation list for the Department of Health Services to add 4.00 full-time equivalent positions for the Measure O-funded Behavioral Health School Partnership as detailed in the attached resolution, effective April 18, 2023; and C) Adopted a resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the fiscal year 2022-2023 adopted budget, programming \$250,502 in Measure O fund balance to support the requested position allocations. On May 24, 2022 the Board received the Measure O Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as approved by the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Measure O.

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On December 7, 2021 the Board adopted a resolution creating the Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee, appointed seven members to the Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee, and adopted bylaws to govern the responsibilities of the Citizens Oversight Committee.

On August 31, 2021 the Board A) Accepted a staff report on Measure O Planning and Implementation; and B) Reviewed options for investments to make for new or redesigned programs, and provided direction to staff.

On August 4, 2020 the Board A) adopted an Ordinance entitled the "Sonoma County Local Mental Health, Addiction and Homeless Services Measure Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance" imposing a countywide quarter-cent special transactions and use tax (sales tax) in Sonoma County for Sonoma County behavioral health and homeless services pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.5; B) authorized the Department of Health Services to coordinate with the County Administrator to contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to administer the tax, if approved by voters; and C) adopted a resolution calling a special election to submit to the voters of Sonoma County a one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) sales tax measure entitled "the Sonoma County Local Mental Health, Addiction and Homeless Services Measure Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance" and ordering that the special election be consolidated with the statewide

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general election to be conducted on November 3, 2020.

On July 28, 2020 the Board adopted a resolution introducing a proposed ordinance imposing a countywide ¼ cent transaction and use tax (sales tax) in Sonoma County for Sonoma County behavioral health and homeless services and waiving further reading.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (English)

Attachment 2 - Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Spanish)

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None