



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
VENICE MUSEUM and ARCHIVES**

To: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

From: James Hagler, Director of Historical Resources

Date: November 13, 2013

Subject: **Time sensitive. Please include in November 26, 2013 City Council Agenda.**
Approval to apply and, if awarded, accept a Museums for America (MFA) Grant administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) at a maximum of \$149,000

Background: The Venice Museum and Archives applied for the grant last year, but did not receive funding. This year's grant application includes revisions as recommended by the IMLS. Museums for America grants support activities that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning, as important institutions in the establishment of livable communities, and as good stewards of the nation's collections. MFA grants can fund both new and ongoing museum activities and programs. Examples include planning, managing and conserving collections, improving public access, training, conducting programmatic research, school and public programming, producing exhibitions, and integrating new or upgraded technologies into your operations.

The VMA is applying for the Learning Experiences category (one of three categories within the MFA program). Learning Experiences: IMLS places the learner at the center and supports engaging experiences in museums that prepare people to be full participants in their local communities and our global society. Projects should provide high-quality, inclusive, accessible, and audience-focused learning opportunities; provide access to collections, information, and educational resources; encourage the use of technologies; and develop programs for specific segments of the public.

Requested action: Include in the November 26, 2013 City Council agenda: City staff requests City Council approval to apply for and, if awarded, accept the Museums for America Grant, at a maximum \$149,000, for the purpose of partially funding Phase 2 Exhibit Design Development and Phase 1 Innovative Education Plan at the Venice Museum and Archives at no cost to the City.

City Attorney Review: None at this time.

Risk Management Review: None at this time.

Funds Availability (account number): N/A