

CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA
FISCAL YEAR 2015
FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS
FACT SHEETS

Resolution of FAA Approval of the City's lease with Sharky's

The City of Venice is eagerly awaiting approval by the Federal Aviation Administration of property issues related to changes in ownership of a small strip of property, which affects its lease with the owners of Sharky's on the Pier restaurant.

FY 2014 Request: That the Federal Aviation Administration be encouraged to expedite its review and resolution of this issue.

Beach Renourishment

The City of Venice has a 50-year contract with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to renourish the beach every ten years due to erosion impacts from the Venice Inlet. The next renourishment is scheduled to be completed by 2014-2015. Maintaining a healthy beach profile is critical for protecting structures during storm events, reducing flooding impacts and to supporting tourism which is a primary economic revenue source for the region.

Thanks to more sand on the renourished beach, this year saw a record number of successful sea turtle nests. Protecting the natural environment and improving the status of this protected species is one more example of the benefit these renourishments provide.

FY 2014 Request: \$10 million in Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Public Safety

The City of Venice is seeking federal assistance to create a combined fire and police complex including a primary emergency operations center natural disaster response, combined training facility, public resource distribution center, along with the conventional amenities to facilitate law enforcement and emergency response. The plan calls for the integration of a new fire station with the existing police station. The operations of Fire Station 2, which is nestled between a bridge and heavily traveled U.S. 41 Bypass in a flood-prone area would move its operation to the new facility.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$6.5 million to demolish the existing building and build a combined fire and police complex with EOC, training facilities and other emergency response amenities from the Department of Justice, Homeland Security and FEMA.

Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project

As the economy continues to improve it is necessary for Venice to continue to enhance the sustainability of its downtown core area.

A City of Venice project would require roadway, sidewalk and streetscape improvements to begin in the downtown core and extend in future phases to the rest of the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project area.

By creating a safe pedestrian atmosphere, clearly marked crosswalks, ADA compliant access to business and merchants, the Streetscape Enhancement Project will improve economic viability and preserve internal transportation corridors.

FY 2014 Request: We respectfully request: \$650,000 from the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, Transportation and Community and System Preservation account, for the City of Venice's Downtown Streetscape Project.

Legacy Park

The city owns a 10-acre parcel along Hatchett Creek and near the Intracoastal Waterway that will be developed into a park. Funding has been secured for most of the park development. During public workshops, the public voiced that they would like to have an outdoor band shell at the site.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$500,000 for an amphitheater at the Legacy Park site.

Ribbons of Venice

The City of Venice was recently designated a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community. There is a community momentum to continue improvements to make Venice a safe and healthy place to ride bicycles for recreation and transportation.

The city has been working with a nonprofit agency to identify sidewalks, bike lanes, and connections and other opportunities to extend the Legacy Trail system by connecting it with parks, centers of commerce and other destinations throughout the county. The connections in Venice have been identified and the city is seeking funds to construct them.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$500,000 to construct multi-use trail connection points and bike lanes within the city to facilitate the regional trail system.

Runway 13-31 Safety Improvements

The City of Venice is seeking federal assistance to make critical safety improvements to Venice Municipal Airport. The Airport Layout Plan completed in 2011 in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determined that public and aviation safety could be improved by relocating a Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) onto airport property and removing it from 24 residential homes northwest of the airport. The project includes the design and construction of 727 feet of runway, 727 feet of parallel taxiway and an Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS). These safety improvements would enable the City of Venice to maintain control of the RPZ as recommended by the FAA.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$10 million from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program to design and construct safety improvements to Runway 13-31.

Fire Department Staffing and Adequate Fire and Emergency Response SAFER Grant

To maintain high standards of response time to the citizens of Venice, the Fire Department is requesting funding for three positions lost in the budget process due to the decline in city revenues.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$229,000 for three fire department positions, to include wages, benefits and taxes from FEMA Emergency Response Grants Program.

Expansion of the Venice Museum and Archives

The City of Venice is proud of its heritage as one of John Nolen's planned communities, its pioneer and native American roots, its years of serving as home to a famous circus, and the fascinating cast of characters that created this unique community. The City is dedicated to the preservation of its history. With a \$1 million gift of seed money, initial plans for a 10,000 square-foot museum and archives, to be built adjacent to the 3,000 square-foot building that now houses the accredited museum and archives on the Cultural Campus of the City. Not only will the expansion serve to educate the community's students, residents and visitors about its history, but it will serve as a foremost example and learning center for students of city planning and architecture around the nation.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$6 million for construction of the new museum.

COPS (Community Oriented Policing)

For the past few years, the Venice Police Department downsized to meet the fiscal demands of a difficult economy. Two additional officers will increase our staffing level, but more importantly allow us to enhance our law enforcement effectiveness. The Venice Police Department developed and implemented several policing strategies that emphasize community partnerships. Proper staffing will allow these programs to continue and assist in the overall reduction of crime in the community.

FY 2014 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$xxxxxx for two police officers from the Department of Justice COP grant program.

Here are some other ideas for discussion:

Flood Insurance

A bill was passed overwhelmingly by the senate and is now in the house to keep rates the same until FEMA publishes its report. Marlowe will send us some verbiage about advocating for a clean bill.

Workforce Housing

Marlowe is currently researching potential sources for assistance with workforce housing.

Homelessness

Marlowe is currently researching potential sources for assistance with homelessness projects. It is advisable to remember that Dr. Marbut requests individual entities not go out on their own with projects, but stick to the regional plan, so we might want to ask him to review anything that Marlowe finds for us to request.

School Safety

Marlowe reports that signalization funding would come from Transportation, which provides all funding to the states for each state to dole out to the individual local governments through the MPOs. No funding for this project is directly available to us from the federal government.