



CITY OF VENICE

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TO: Ed Lavalley, City Manager *EL*
FROM: Javier Vargas, Utility Director *JV*
Brenda Westlake, Grants Administrator *BW*
DATE: 9/6/2017
CITY COUNCIL DATE: 9/26/2017
SUBJECT: Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Cooperative Funding Grant Program FY19 - Application Letter

Background: Utilities Department would like to submit a SWFWMD Cooperative Funding Grant Application to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for consideration of FY2019 funding.

Project	Est. Cost	SWFWMD	CITY
Toilet Rebate - Phase 6	45,000	22,500	22,500
Total	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$22,500

The City of Venice Toilet Rebate and Retrofit Program consists of offering financial incentives to potable water customers for replacing conventional toilets and urinals with water-conserving equivalents, providing do-it-yourself kits and an educational component in an effort to conserve potable water.

SWFWMD's Cooperative Funding Initiative will match City funds up to 50%. As part of the application there is a letter that states the City's commitment to fund 50% of the matching funds to the 50% grant funds received.

Requested Action:

- Please sign in blue ink the attached letter.
- Please initial this MEMO.
- Once signed please return the original signed copies.
- Request the City Council's permission to apply for Cooperative Funding with SWFWMD in the amount of \$22,500 for the Toilet Rebate Phase 6 Project, authorize the City Manager to sign all documents required for the application and to accept funds if selected.

City Attorney and Risk Management Review:

N/A

Funds Availability

Based on Council's approval, funds will be budgeted in FY2019 for this project