

Historical Resources

Historical Resources serves as a division of the Department of Planning & Zoning within the City of Venice. Its three main purposes are to preserve and interpret the city's historical resources, manage the city's historic preservation program, and oversee public and city art within the City of Venice. Three full-time employees assisted by almost twenty volunteers operate the Division of Historical Resources. The division generates revenue through gift shop sales, donations, and image reproduction orders. Historical Resources is responsible for administering the Venice Museum and the Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center. The division will also oversee the Old Betsy Museum once completed.

The mission of the museum is to collect, preserve and interpret historical and prehistorical material relating to the City of Venice and its neighboring communities. The Division accomplishes this through the acquisition, preservation and interpretation of documents, records, objects, photographs, and paleontological materials related to the area we know today as Venice. In addition, the division provides programs and events to reach out to Venice residents and visitors, assists with research requests, and provides historical context for issues affecting the city. In this capacity, the division works closely with its friends group: Venice Heritage, Inc. The division also manages the city's historic preservation program. Through Chapter 66, Article VII and Chapter 87, Section 7 of the municipal code, the division works to preserve and promote the historic built environment of the City of Venice. It is the keeper of the local register of historical resources and works to ensure the city complies with all state and federal preservation regulations, including the Certified Local Government program. In this capacity, the division works with the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board. Finally, the division is the overseer of the city's public art program. This includes statues and murals that adorn our community. In this capacity, the division works with the Citizens Advisory Board.

Our vision is that the Division of Historical Resources will serve as a critical community asset that preserves the past and prepares the present to meet the future.

Strategic Plan Goal	Objective	Performance Measure	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Council Strategic Goal #2: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services	Produce quality interpretive materials to educate the public about Venice history	Create at least two new exhibits	100%	100%	100%
	Make historic issues of <i>Venice Gondolier</i> more accessible through digitization	Digitize at least the next 3 years of newspapers	50%	75%	100%
	Work with Lord-Higel House Manager on the historical interpretation of the property	Establish interpretive plan with LHH Manager that integrates into the operation by the Lessee	0%	25%	100%
	Coordinate on cross-promoting and marketing of the Lord-Higel House	Work with lessee to promote Lord-Higel House	0%	25%	50%
	Develop the Venice Museum and Old Betsy Museum as one museum	Integrate marketing as a “museum complex” with unified messaging and programming	0%	25%	100%
		Create a unified look with consistent landscaping and signage	0%	25%	50%
	Increase attendance and awareness of Historical Resources	Review results and recommendations from visitor survey and plan for implementing those recommendations	0%	25%	75%
		Plan and deliver at least two public events	10%	75%	100%
	Strengthen relationships with established partners	Partner on at least two programs	100%	100%	100%
Council Strategic Goal #3: Ensure a Financially Sound City	Leverage funding through grant resources	Apply for annual CLG Grant	100%	100%	100%
	Work closely with friends group Venice Heritage on financially supporting Historical Resources	Choose one project annually for the group to fundraise for	0%	50%	100%

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Council Strategic Goal #4: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities	Provide proper storage for a large object in the collection	Assist with Old Betsy Museum project to ensure it meets storage needs and interpretation	50%	100%	100%
Council Strategic Goal #6: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning	Promote the Local Register of Historical Resources	Create local register brochure	50%	100%	100%
	Increase the Local Register of Historical Resources	Add 1-2 additional properties onto the Local Register of Historical Resources	0%	50%	100%
	Assist with planning City Centennial	Aid in implementing Centennial Plan approved by City Council	50%	100%	100%

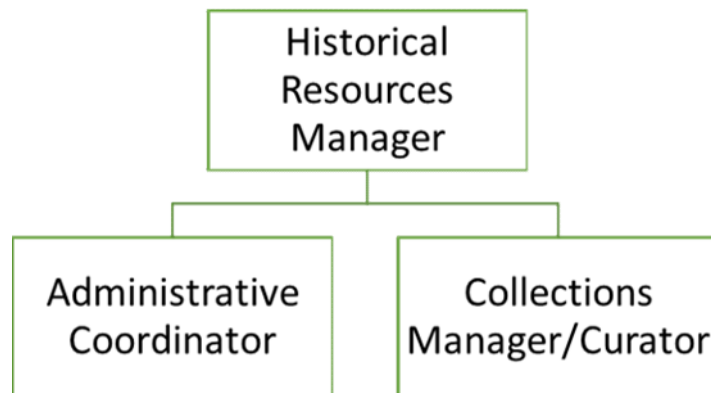
CITY OF VENICE HISTORICAL RESOURCES EXPENDITURES													001-0202
													6 mos. = 50% Unaudited As of 5/23/25
DEPARTMENT 0202	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Amends/ Proj/Enc Rolls to FY 2025	Amended Budget FY 2025	YTD Thru 03/31/25	% YTD FY25	Expected FY 2025	Positive (Negative) Variance	Proposed Budget FY 2026	Incr (Decr) over FY25 Orig Budget	vs. 25 Orig Bud	FY2026 Budget Comments
Exp - Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	17,500	17,500	100.0%	
512.64-00 - MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0		0	-	0	0	17,500	17,500	100.0%	Museum exhibits, monument & wall signs
Exp - Maintenance	40,373	17,870	17,844	0	17,844	4,283	24%	17,844	0	30,284	12,440	69.7%	
512.46-00 - REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCS	40,373	17,870	17,844	0	17,844	4,283	24%	17,844	0	30,284	12,440	69.7%	FY26: increased for HVAC mtnc, drinking fountain, & window/deep cleaning
Exp - Miscellaneous, services and supplies	18,059	21,596	46,356	0	46,356	6,989	15%	46,356	0	110,398	64,042	138.2%	
512.40-00 - TRAVEL AND TRAINING	4,669	5,045	7,000	0	7,000	(248)	-4%	7,000	0	7,500	500	7.1%	
512.41-00 - COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	967	1,064	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	
512.41-40 - COMMUNICATION SERVICES/IS	0	0	1,308	0	1,308	403	31%	1,308	0	967	(341)	-26.1%	Mobile Connectivity, phones, iPads
512.44-00 - RENTALS AND LEASES	4,846	5,691	5,328	0	5,328	1,972	37%	5,328	0	5,578	250	4.7%	Sharp - printing services
512.47-00 - PRINTING AND BINDING	57	377	7,000	0	7,000	0	0%	7,000	0	68,500	61,500	878.6%	Includes Anniv Marketing \$5K FY26: Centennial Book \$55K, Centennial Street Pole Banners \$5K, & Centennial Park Centennial Message Board \$5K
512.48-07 - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	3,956	5,243	20,000	0	20,000	3,025	15%	20,000	0	22,000	2,000	10.0%	Includes: Marketing \$5,000 Centennial Promotional Items \$12,500, Centennial Student Contest Prizes \$2,500
512.51-00 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,643	2,773	4,000	0	4,000	953	24%	4,000	0	4,000	0	0.0%	
512.54-00 - BOOKS, PUB, SUB, MEMBERSP	921	1,403	1,720	0	1,720	884	51%	1,720	0	1,853	133	7.7%	

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Exp - Professional Services	5,979	55,317	71,500	0	71,500	798	1%	71,500	0	81,200	9,700	13.6%	
512.31-00 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5,979	55,317	66,500	0	66,500	798	1%	66,500	0	61,200	(5,300)	-8.0%	FY24: Digitizing project \$10K phase 2 FY25: \$50K Historical Structures Survey, \$6K anniversary design services FY26: Gondolier Digitization \$10K, Goden Beach Histroical Survey \$50K
512.34-00 - OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0%	5,000	0	20,000	15,000	100.0%	Anniv Holiday Parade Float Rental FY26: Centennial Picnic \$10K Mayor/Chamber President Dinner \$10K
Exp - Services and Supplies	8,037	6,746	10,000	0	10,000	1,817	18%	10,000	0	13,000	3,000	30.0%	
512.52-00 - OPERATING SUPPLIES	8,037	6,746	10,000	0	10,000	1,817	18%	10,000	0	13,000	3,000	30.0%	This is: Archives/Exhibits, includes LHH
Exp - Utilities	7,705	8,117	7,824	0	7,824	3,827	49%	7,824	0	14,997	7,173	91.7%	
512.43-00 - UTILITY SERVICES	7,705	8,117	7,824	0	7,824	3,827	49%	7,824	0	14,997	7,173	91.7%	Museum & LARC, FY26: added Old Betsy Bldg & Lord Higel House
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	17,500	17,500	100.0%	
operating	80,153	109,646	153,524	0	153,524	17,714	12%	153,524	0	249,879	96,355	62.8%	

HISTORICAL RESOURCES

STAFFING

CLASSIFICATION	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Amended Budget FY 2025	Proposed Budget FY 2026
Historical Resources Manager	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Director of Historical Resources	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Administrative Coordinator	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Collections Manager/Curator	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Department Staff	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0



CITY OF VENICE													
CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY FD #608													
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES													
6 mos. = 50%													
Fund 608													
As of 04/18/25													
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Project & Encumbr. Rolls	Amended Budget FY2025	YTD Thru 03/31/25	% YTD FY25	Expected FY 2025	Positive (Negative) Variance	Proposed Budget FY 2026	Incr (Decr) over FY25 Expected	Pct Incr (Decr)	FY2026 Budget Comments
Revenues:													
Grand Total - Revenues	2,880	3,859	2,100	0	2,100	1,596	76%	2,100	0	1,800	(300)	-14.3%	
Rev - Interest	2,880	3,859	2,100	0	2,100	1,596	76%	2,100	0	1,800	(300)	-14.3%	
361.10-00 - INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	2,880	3,859	2,100	0	2,100	1,596	76%	2,100	0	1,800	(300)	-14.3%	
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Project & Encumbr. Rolls	Amended Budget FY2025	YTD Thru 03/31/25	% YTD FY25	Expected FY 2025	Positive (Negative) Variance	Proposed Budget FY 2026	Incr (Decr) over FY25 Orig Bud	Pct Incr (Decr)	FY2026 Budget Comments
Expenditures:													Res 1042-90; for historical preservation
Grand Total - Expenditures	0	1,881	4,200	0	4,200	0	0%	4,200	0	7,800	3,600	85.7%	Historic Commission input
													(from Historical)
Exp - Museum (0204)	0	1,881	4,200	0	4,200	0	0%	4,200	0	7,800	3,600	85.7%	
573.49-00 - OTHER CHARGES	0	1,881	4,200	0	4,200	0	0%	4,200	0	7,800	3,600	85.7%	Per Dept
Total Fund Analysis													
Revenues (Above)	2,880	3,859	2,100	0	2,100			2,100		1,800			
Expenditures (Above)	0	(1,881)	(4,200)	0	(4,200)			(4,200)		(7,800)			
Net Revenues	2,880	1,978	(2,100)	0	(2,100)			(2,100)		(6,000)			
Beginning Fund Balance	60,528	63,408	64,308					65,386		63,286			
Ending Fund Balance	63,408	65,386	62,208					63,286		57,286			A
Target Analysis - Fund Bal vs. Target													
	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	Adopted Budget FY 2025					Expected FY 2025		Proposed Budget FY 2026			
Ending Fund Balance	63,408	65,386	62,208					63,286		57,286			A
Target *	50,000	50,000	50,000					50,000		50,000			
Excess (Shortage)	13,408	15,386	12,208					13,286		7,286			
* \$50,000 principal is corpus, requiring Council approval to expend.													

CITY OF VENICE													
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FD #612													
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES													
6 mos. = 50%													
Fund 612													
As of 04/18/25													
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Project & Encumbr. Rolls	Amended Budget FY2025	YTD Thru 03/31/25	% YTD FY25	Expected FY 2025	Positive (Negative) Variance	Proposed Budget FY 2026	Incr (Decr) over FY25 Expected	Pct Incr (Decr)	FY2026 Budget Comments
Revenues:													
Grand Total - Revenues	10,854	17,279	11,050	0	11,050	6,033	55%	11,050	0	12,180	1,130	10.2%	
Rev - Miscellaneous	9,446	15,048	10,000	0	10,000	5,064	51%	10,000	0	11,280	1,280	12.8%	
369.90-13 - GIFT SHOP SALES	9,442	15,043	10,000	0	10,000	5,062	51%	10,000	0	11,280	1,280	12.8%	Sale of inventory
369.90-26 - MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	4	5	0	0	0	2	-	0	0	0	0	-	
Rev - Interest	1,408	2,231	1,050	0	1,050	969	92%	1,050	0	900	(150)	-14.3%	
361.10-00 - INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	1,408	2,231	1,050	0	1,050	969	92%	1,050	0	900	(150)	-14.3%	
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Expenditures:													What: Historical Commission donations
Grand Total - Expenditures	8,371	9,430	10,930	0	10,930	3,288	30%	10,930	0	11,280	350	3.2%	(from Historical)
Exp - General Government (0202)	8,371	9,430	10,930	0	10,930	3,288	30%	10,930	0	11,280	350	3.2%	
512.31-00 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	794	730	780	0	780	331	42%	780	0	980	200	25.6%	
512.48-00 - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	0	0	150	0	150	0	0%	150	0	150	0	0.0%	
512.51-00 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	150	150	0.0%	
512.54-00 - BOOKS, PUBS, SUB, MEMBER	7,577	8,700	10,000	0	10,000	2,957	30%	10,000	0	10,000	0	0.0%	Items for sale in Gift Shop

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REVENUES & EXPENDITURES													
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Fund 612													
As of 04/18/25													
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Project & Encumbr. Rolls	Amended Budget FY2025	YTD Thru 03/31/25	% YTD FY25	Expected FY 2025	Positive (Negative) Variance	Proposed Budget FY 2026	Incr (Decr) over FY25 Expected	Pct Incr (Decr)	FY2026 Budget Comments
Total Fund Analysis													
Revenues (Above)	10,854	17,279	11,050	0	11,050			11,050		12,180	B		
Expenditures (Above)	(8,371)	(9,430)	(10,930)	0	(10,930)			(10,930)		(11,280)			
Net Revenues	2,483	7,849	120	0	120			120		900			
Beginning Fund Balance	28,284	30,767	32,617					38,616		38,736			
Ending Fund Balance	30,767	38,616	32,737					38,736		39,636	A		
Target Analysis - Fund Bal as a % of Annual Revs.													
	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	Adopted Budget FY 2025					Expected FY 2025		Proposed Budget FY 2026			
Projected Ending Net Assets	30,767	38,616	32,737					38,736		39,636	A		
Annual Revenues	10,854	17,279	11,050					11,050		12,180	B		
Percent	283%	223%	296%					351%		325%			
Target *	2,714	4,320	2,763					2,763		3,045			
Excess (Shortage)	28,053	34,296	29,974					35,973		36,591			
* Target in this fund is 3 month's revenues													