

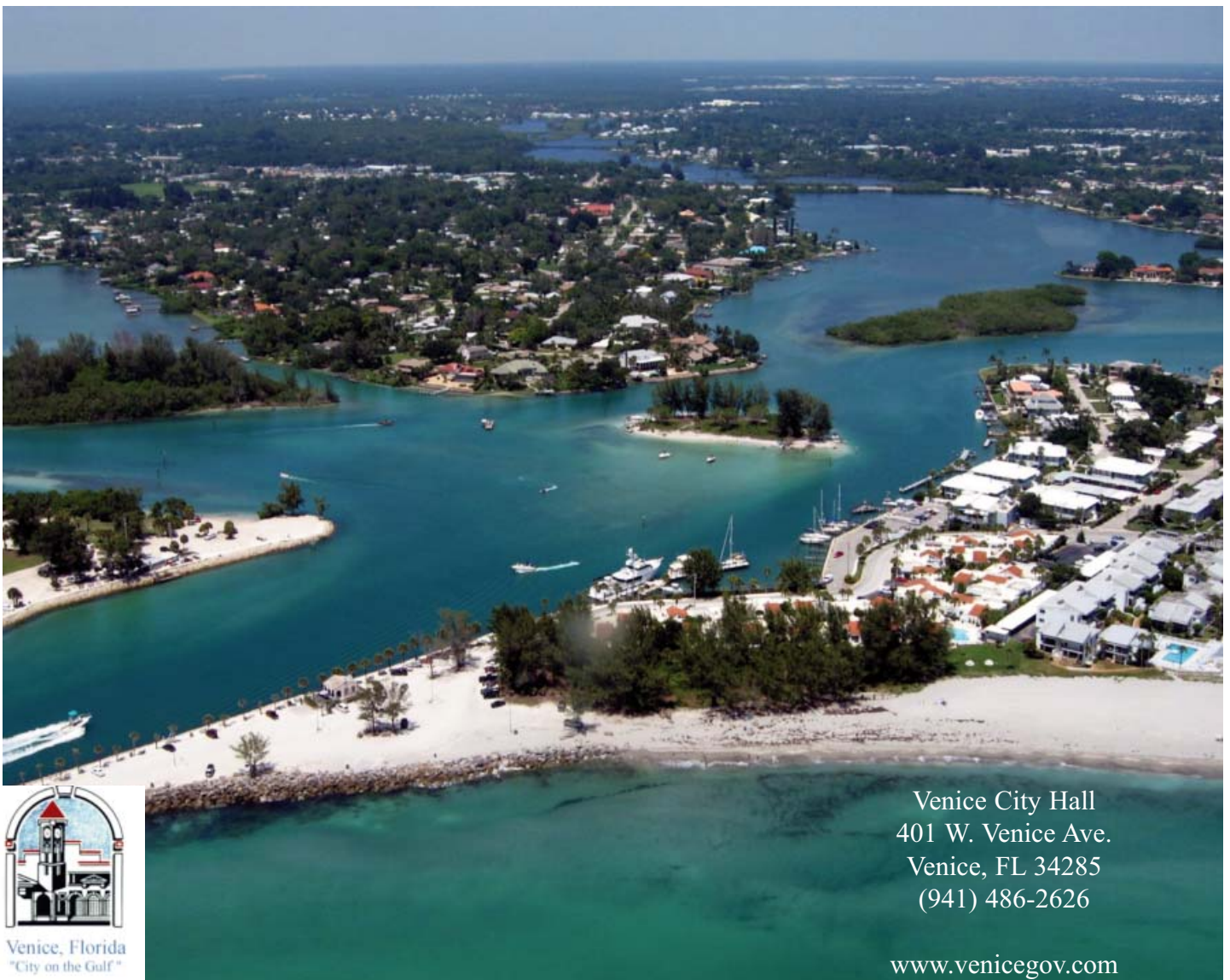
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**2016
Federal
Appropriations
Requests
for the
City of Venice, Florida**



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CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA
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FACT SHEET

Explore the relocation of the federal post office from downtown Venice

The City of Venice is engaged in a process to expand parking capacity, relieve vehicle congestion, and improve overall traffic flow and efficiency in the City's central business district. As the City grows in population and tourist influx, improvements in traffic routing and parking capacity are critical to serving the resident and business population and in maintaining a high level of traffic safety and efficiency. Among the concepts being examined are: development of parking lots and parking structures in the downtown area, and creation of a trolley looping system to connect parking sites to business and shopping locations. Currently, a post office facility occupies space in a key downtown location. The facility provides conventional customer services and also includes a distribution center. Collectively, the composite facility consumes more than half a city block of precious commercial space. While the presence of a customer service center is considered a valuable traditional downtown service, the larger component of the post office complex, the distribution center, is a service that could operate from a myriad of other area locations.

FY16 Request: That the Federal Government explore the possibility of moving the distribution component of the post office to a different site, while retaining the customer service feature at the present location; or work with the City to identify an equally customer-convenient site in the downtown area. Additionally, the City requests support for the creation of an expanded parking system to accommodate efficient movement of vehicles out of traffic circulation, and a compatible trolley looping feature to facilitate safe movement of patrons and tourists.

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 in 2025. 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.

The City of Venice would like to discuss with the Army Corps of Engineers the prospects for alternative methods to restore and protect the area's beaches during the next scheduled restoration.

FY 2016 Request: US Army Corps of Engineers consider discussing with the City of Venice alternative means to protect beaches as opposed to the traditional restoration of sand as has been previously done.

Public Safety

The City of Venice is seeking federal assistance to create a primary emergency center for the purpose of responding to natural disasters, training, public resource distribution center, and conventional amenities to facilitate law enforcement and emergency response.

FY 2016 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$12 million to relocate and build a new police facility, as a primary emergency center with EOC, training facilities and other emergency response amenities from the Department of Justice, Homeland Security and FEMA.

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 2016 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.

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 are 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 2016 Request: The City of Venice respectfully requests \$6 million for construction of the new museum.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Funding for Museum Expansion

Examples of some funding opportunities from the state are below. The deadline for some of these have already passed for 2013, but may be offered again in 2014.

Special Category Grants

Description

To assist major archaeological excavations, large restoration projects at historic structures, and major museum exhibit projects involving the development and presentation of information on the history of Florida.

Eligibility

Departments or agencies of the state, including universities, cities, counties and other units of local government, and not-for-profit organizations in good standing with Division of Corporations. A minimum need of \$50,000 is required for consideration.

Award

Range from \$50,000 to \$350,000. Per the October 14, 2009 adoption of Chapter 1A-39, Florida Administrative Code, the minimum match for each grant application shall be the greater of \$50,000 (cash and/or in-kind services or materials) or 50% of the requested grant amount, unless the project is located in a REDI county or community. The match requirement for qualifying REDI applicants is 10% of the requested grant amount.

Cultural Facilities Grants

Description

Funding for acquisition, construction, or renovation of cultural facilities; not appropriate for project planning.

Eligibility

A public entity governed by a county or municipality; or a not-for-profit, tax-exempt Florida corporation in good standing with Division of Corporations.

Award

Requests up to \$500,000; grantee organization may not receive more than \$1.5 million in total state funding during five consecutive state fiscal years. Match at least 2:1, or two applicant dollars for every one state dollar requested. Reduced match to 1:1

may be requested by REDI Counties or communities and organizations with Total Support and Revenue of less than \$500,000.

Florida Cultural Endowment Grants

Description

Provides support to qualifying cultural sponsoring organizations.

Eligibility

Not-for-profit, tax-exempt Florida corporation in good standing with Division of Corporations.

Award

\$240,000 state dollars for \$360,000 local match dollars; \$600,000 total dollars invested and interest used for operations.

General Program Support Grants

Description

Funding to support the general program activities of an organization that is engaged in conducting, creating, producing, presenting, staging, or sponsoring multiple cultural exhibits, performances, educational programs, or events during the grant period. General Program Support funding is not intended to fund indirect or overhead expenses.

Eligibility

A public entity governed by a county or municipality; or a not-for-profit, tax-exempt Florida corporation in good standing with Division of Corporations. A single organization may submit only one (1) General Program Support OR one (1) Specific Cultural Project grant application for each grant period. This restriction includes local governments and universities and local governments that share a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or tax ID. Organizations that would formerly submit multiple applications from different departments must coordinate to decide on a single application for each annual cycle.

Award

Requests up to \$150,000 depending on the size and type of organization and other factors as outlined in the grant guidelines.