



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavalley, City Manager **E-SIGN:**
FROM: Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer
DEPARTMENT: Engineering/Stormwater

DATE: November 21, 2023

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Grant Agreement –

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Tarpon Center Nature Based Flood Mitigation Pilot Project was identified in the Resilience Plan completed in April 2021. The Tarpon Center project elevates the existing seawall to protect the evacuation route in response to high tides and storm surge impacts that limit travel in the roadway. In addition, living shoreline and water quality improvements are included in the project. The Tarpon Center Project has been combined with utilities upgrades scheduled within the corridor to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness.

Based on preliminary design criteria, an initial grant application was approved by FDEP for \$625,000. Additional grant funds of \$950,000 were approved by FDEP in the State Budget adopted July 1, 2023 to address increase in construction costs. The attached Grant Agreement Amendment in the amount of \$950,000 will increase the FDEP total funding to \$1,575,000. The grant is a 50/50 match.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Four: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 22SRP76 Between Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Venice for the Tarpon Center Nature Based Flood Mitigation Pilot Project to Increase the Grant Award Amount by \$950,000.

Yes N/A

- Document(s) Reviewed for ADA compliance (required if for agenda posting)
 - City Attorney Reviewed/Approval
 - Risk Management Review
 - Finance Department Review/Approval
- Funds Availability (account number): 302-0960-541.63-00, Project #STR0019