



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: James Clinch, City Manager

E-SIGN:  James Clinch (Apr 29, 2026 09:30:50 EDT)

FROM: Jonathan Kramer, City Engineer 

Ricky Simpson, Director of Public Works 

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DATE: 04/29/2026

MEETING DATE: 05/26/2026

SUBJECT /TOPIC: HMGP Grant with FDEM re PID 4673-213-R – Public Works Building Wind Retrofit and Generator

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2025, the City submitted a series of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), as agent for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); including a proposal to harden the Public Works Building located at 1350 Ridgewood Avenue, Venice, FL 34202 against extreme event-generated wind damage to the structure and roof, as well as loss of power. The building houses the Public Works Department and the Public Works Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and provides critical response at the time of an emergency, and has experienced structural damage and contents loss as well as power outages in past hurricanes and severe storms.

On March 19, 2026, FDEM advised of an award on this proposal, in the amount of \$937,125 in federal funds against a draft budget of \$1,249,500; and forwarded its standard sub-recipient agreement on April 15, 2026. Construction of the Project will be managed directly by the Public Works Department, with support of the Engineering Department in connection with all grant-related functions, activities and deliverables.

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

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council approval by Consent Motion

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Documents Reviewed for ADA Compliance (required if for agenda posting)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | City Attorney Reviewed/Approval   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Risk Management Reviewed   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance Department Review/Approval <small><a href="#">Linda Senne 2026-10-02-09 EDT</a></small><br>Funds Availability (Building: 110-0921-519.62-01)<br>(Equipment: 110-0921-519.64-00) |

cc: Brenda Westlake, Grant Administrator   
Demetra J. McBride, Engineering Grants Coordinator