



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FIRE DEPARTMENT



**DATE:** December 28, 2016  
**TO:** Edward Lavalley, City Manager  
Brenda Westlake, Grants Administrator  
**FROM:** Shawn Carvey, Fire Chief SC  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** January 10, 2017

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM, IF AWARDED THEN VENICE FIRE WILL SUBMIT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR COUNCIL REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT.

**Background:**

The Venice Fire Department has a history of seeking grants as a matter of fiscal prudence. Our current portable 800mhz communication radios are 15 years old and have met the end of their use. In 2018 these radios will no longer be able to be repaired as they will be obsolete and parts will not be able to be obtained. Maintaining reliability of the units has been fiscally burdensome to the Department's budget and the related repair downtime are impacting critical communications. The new units that are being requested in the grant application will provide service for many years, enhance firefighter communication, safety and survival, meet current NFPA standards reduce repair expenses and meet the P25 compliance. The two additional repeaters requested in the grant will enhance radio connectivity coverage in hardened structures to allow better communication on the emergency scenes.

**Requested Action:**

Council approval is requested for continuing in the grant submission process.

Total Amount \$456,108 (Federal Share \$414,644, City's Match \$41,464)

- Portable Radios 54 units, \$7,877 each = \$425,358
- Mobile Repeaters 2 units, \$15,000 each = \$30,000
- Related training 1 unit \$750 = \$750

**City Attorney Review:** Only if awarded grant.

**Risk Management Review:** No Review required.

**Finance Department Review:** Review Approved.

**Grants Administrator Review:** Review Approved.

**Funds Availability:** Federal share requested \$414,644, City's match \$41,464 FY18 Budget

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