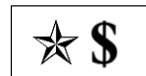


# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FIRE DEPARTMENT



**DATE:** March 3, 2017

**TO:** City Manager  
Grants Administrator

**FROM:** Fire Chief

**CITY COUNCIL (STUDENT GOVERNMENT) MEETING DATE:** March 6, 2017

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS AWARDED, APPROVE FUNDS FOR MATCH, APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS INTO THE FY17 BUDGET, AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF UNMANNED AERIAL UNITS, AND ROLLOVER ANY UNUSED GRANT/MATCHING FUNDS INTO FY18 BUDGET.

**Background:**

The Venice Fire Department has a history of seeking grants as a matter of fiscal prudence. Venice Fire responds to a variety of calls throughout the City of Venice and neighboring areas including traditional structure fires, wildland and marine related. Advanced technology has enabled the fire service to increase abilities and effectiveness. To that end, we are requesting support for the purchase of two unmanned aerial units (drones). This unit will provide vital information for on-scene crews during significant incidents, missing person searches, domestic terrorism type calls, rapid assessments after natural disasters, marine search/rescues, and emergency management. These units are radio controlled with and will include a live video feed to base unit.

**Requested Action:**

Council approval is requested for these five (5) items and is contingent upon receiving grant award:

- Submit grant application.
  - Total Amount \$10,000 (90% Federal Share \$9,000; 10% City's Match \$1,000)
  - Drones with controls \$8,000
  - Additional supplies (batteries & blades etc.) \$1,500
  - Related training \$500 each
- Accept funds as awarded
- Use One Cent Sales Tax funds or other recommended source for City's match
- Purchase items
- Rollover any unused awarded monies and match into FY 18.

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

**Risk Management Review:** Review required.

**Finance Department Review:** Review pending.

**Grants Administrator Review:** Review pending.

**Funds Availability:** Federal Share requested \$9,000, City's Match \$1,000 (Department's budget)