



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Fire Department

TO: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

FROM: Shawn Carvey, Fire Chief

DATE: November 19, 2019

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2020

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

SUBJECT: Accept Award West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Waterway Development Program Grants – Fire Department – Fire Boat (R51) Electrical Equipment Upgrade

Background: The WCIND is a multi-county special taxing body, which covers Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee County. WCIND provides funds for Boating Safety-Education that includes funds for fire/rescue equipment specifically for used on the waterways of the District.

The Fire Department is requesting \$25,000 to replace the fire electrical equipment for the Department's fireboat (R51). The electronics has met the eight (8+) year life span and is currently showing wear and operational deficiencies and needs replacement prior to failure. The Venice Fire Department has responded to many incidents including boat fires in the gulf and local waterways, waterfront homes and brush fires on small islands in the inland coastal waterways. The purchase of this equipment was approved as part of the FY20 budget process.

The grant will pay 50% \$12,500 and the City will be responsible for 50% \$12,500 for a total of \$25,000

Requested Action: City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: Yes

Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes

Funds Availability (account number): 001-1101-522.64-00

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Grant Agreement

Cc: Brenda Westlake, Grants Administrator