

Memorandum

Date: April 8, 2025

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-17 / Courtside Apartments II / Artist Proposal Contracts

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) ARTISTS IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE AMOUNTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EACH ARTIST:

Local-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Bruninga, Marybeth	\$ 1,000.00
2	Cabrera, Andres	\$ 1,000.00
3	Childree, Clifton	\$ 1,000.00
4	Feneck, Christian	\$ 1,000.00
5	Oviedo, Gustavo	\$ 1,000.00
6	Portales, Marlon	\$ 1,000.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	\$ 6,000.00

FOR A COMBINED TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,000.00 FOR THE RAINBOW VILLAGE PHASE I PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- HOUSING TRUST GROUP PUBLIC ART FUND).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the following six (6) artists in the not-to-exceed fee amounts as described below for each artist:

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For a combined total expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$6,000.00 for the Courtside Apartments II Housing Development project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on March 20, 2025, to review the credentials of eighty (80) artists who submitted qualifications from a regional Call to Artists to compete for public art opportunities related to the design and construction of a new affordable housing development, known as Courtside Apartments II, a partnership between Miami-Dade County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Trust Group. With an estimated completion timeline of 12 months, Courtside Apartments Phase II is a new 120-unit multifamily development located in the City of Miami within an existing campus known as Courtside Apartments Housing Community. The project consists of two 5-story mid-rise concrete buildings, cladding for existing parking garage, and graded parking. The North Building consists of 82 units located at the SW corner of NW 17th Street and NW 3rd Avenue and the South Building consists of 38 units at the SE corner of NW 17th Street and NW 4th Ave.

Opportunities for public art include two-dimensional artwork applications highly visible in the exterior CMU block wall of the North Parking area, site-specific artworks or free-standing sculpture designed to enhance the existing campus and network of walking paths and green areas between buildings, exterior application to large-scale façade of existing structure, adjacent to garage in South building, and two-dimensional artworks to activate the facility’s lobby. The Call envisioned that artists will approach the commission opportunities to pay homage to the history and rich cultural heritage of Miami’s Overtown neighborhood since the 1970’s.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended a pool of (20) different regional artists and recommended that APP staff draw smaller shortlists from this pool based on the specific project’s timing and scale of diverse opportunities. APP staff is recommending the following shortlist of six (6) Miami-based artists for this apartment project:

1. Bruninga, Marybeth
2. Cabrera, Andres
3. Childree, Clifton
4. Feneck, Christian
5. Oviedo, Gustavo

6. Portales, Marlon

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 25-17 authorizing Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the above six (6) artists in the fixed fee amount of \$1000.00 each for proposal development services for the new Courtside Apartments II housing development project.