

Memorandum



Date: August 12, 2025

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-40 / Amanda Linares– Perrine Village II /
Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH AMANDA LINARES IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$78,000.00 FOR PHASE I – DESIGN AND PHASE II FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PERRINE VILLAGE II HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ATLANTIC PACIFIC COMMUNITIES PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Amanda Linares in the fixed fee amount of \$78,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II-Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project for the first phase of the Perrine Village II Housing Development Project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on July 24, 2025 to review design proposals from a group of five (5) artists shortlisted from the Housing Artists Registry for public art opportunities for the first phase of the Perrine Village II development located in the unincorporated neighborhood of Perrine in the southern part of Miami-Dade County. This development will comprise 150 units of 100% affordable housing for elderly residents in two connected 6-story buildings. Opportunities for public art include artist interventions within a green space that seats between the parking lot and buildings and along a series of concrete pathways and hardscape connecting the buildings and surface lot. The total artwork allocation for this first phase of development is \$315,000.00 of which APP staff recommends an initial budget allocation of \$78,000.00 for design development services.

The PAC unanimously recommended commissioning Miami-based artist Amanda Linares for her holistic concept addressing the entrance garden courtyard, including a design for walkways, artist-designed seating areas and gaming tables, sculpture garden, and proposed planting program incorporating native plants. Amanda Linares is a multidisciplinary artist who explores universal themes of identity, displacement, absence, and reconnection through diverse media, including design, drawing, installation, and photography.

Drawing from Linares' sculptural practice, at the heart of the garden lies a sculpture area featuring works that resemble abstract sedimentary rocks, each one layered in diverse materials like concrete, ceramic tile, glass, steel, fiberglass, and fabric. These sculptures speak to memory and time through fragmentation, layering, and shifting while offering a space for contemplation and wonder. This concept is complimented by a series of benches finished in earthy-toned terrazzo blurring the boundary between architecture and nature. Tiles in terracotta and dark brown hues accent the surfaces, adding tactile warmth and visual rhythm. The pathway connecting these elements takes on an organic quality integrating light and dark pavement areas and leaf imprints in concrete. From above, the design becomes a visual poem that residents can appreciate from their apartment's windows or balconies, enhancing a sense of place and belonging.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-40 authorizing a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Amanda Linares in the fixed amount of \$78,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project for the first phase of the Perrine Village II development project.