

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 13, 2025

**To:** Chair and Members  
Art in Public Places Trust

**From:** Marialaura Leslie, Director  
Department of Cultural Affairs

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-30 / Carlos Prado Art, LLC / Conservation Contract

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## Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-30

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH CARLOS PRADO ART, LLC (LEAD ARTIST CARLOS PRADO) IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR CONSERVATION SERVICES OF APP COLLECTION ARTWORK *A MAN AND A HORSE* (FROM ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST REPAIR AND RESTORATION FUND).

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Carlos Prado Art, LLC (lead artist Carlos Enrique Prado) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00 for conservation services of Art In Public Places Collection Artwork *A Man and A Horse* (from Art in Public Places Trust Repair and Restoration Fund).

## Background

In April 2018, the Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Department inaugurated the Annual Miami International Agriculture, Horse, and Cattle Show with the unveiling of artist Carlos Enrique Prado Herrera's life-size bronze sculpture of President Reagan and a horse. The work was inspired by the former president's life-long relationship and passion for horses and equestrian activities. This monument has become a landmark for the many local and international visitors who regularly visit this very active equestrian center.

Due to day-long exposure to the sun and elements, the sculpture's bronze patina has become dull requiring an in-situ treatment to restore and protect the sculpture's tarnished surface. APP has connected with sculptor Carlos Prado to assess the current condition of the work and develop a repair and maintenance plan to fully restore the artwork along with its multi-tier platform, signage, and lighting. The contract in the initial amount of \$5,000.00 will cover the condition assessment, the research and request of qualified quotes for restoration services, and potentially fund an initial deposit to secure the work. APP recommends approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-30 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement with Carlos Prado Art, LLC (lead artist Carlos Prado) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00 for conservation services of APP Collection Artwork "A Man and A Horse" by Carlos Enrique Prado.