

# Memorandum



**Date:** November 12, 2025

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

**From:** Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director  
Department of Cultural Affairs

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-57 / Vickie Pierre – Metro Grande Ph 3 /  
Proposal Contract

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## **Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-57**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PROPOSAL SERVICES IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH VICKIE PIERRE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 FOR THE ARTWORK PROJECT AT THE METRO GRANDE PHASE 3 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS AND METRO GRANDE DEVELOPMENT, LLC PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement for Proposal Services in substantially the form attached with Vickie Pierre in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the artwork project at the Metro Grande Phase 3 Housing Development.

## **Background**

On June 12, 2024 the Trust authorized a contract with South Florida-based artist, Vickie Pierre to expand the design concept “Spark, Splash” created for the screening of the garage at the Gallery at West Brickell into a permanent mosaic mural for two walls directly above the main entrance façade of the residential tower. At the time of this request, the developer was allowing the artwork to be installed directly on the unfinished walls, however due to the accelerated completion schedule for the overall development, the walls received stucco and paint preventing the installation of the artwork as envisioned prior to the completion of the construction. Though the artist’s team provided several approaches to achieving the work, both APP and the client teams deemed the solutions costly and risky and determined that it was best to terminate the commission and continue to work with the artist to identify a project in the near future with a similar opportunity to take advantage of the significantly developed design scope.

An affordable housing apartment complex recently completed in the grounds of the Okeechobee Metrorail Station, for which the use of the public art funds were to be deferred to a later phase, offers a suitable and timely opportunity to implement a new and permanent work by Vickie Pierre. APP has shared the artist’s credentials and her recently completed work with the Metro Grande Development team and they’re supportive of engaging with the artist for a proposal development phase. This opportunity provides a blank wall with an area of approximately 16 feet wide by 50 feet tall for the implementation of a large-scale permanent mural. This wall is on full view from any vantage point for those traveling along the heavily trafficked Okeechobee Road corridor at the southern edge of City of Hialeah. The budget for this new artwork commission will be in the range

of \$155,000.00, an amount commensurate to the value of the terminated portion of the artist contract.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-57 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement for proposal services with Vickie Pierre in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the artwork project at the new Metro Grande Phase 3 Housing Development.