



Date: April 14, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-22 / MDC Housing & Community Development -
Main Office Artworks / Artist Proposal Contracts

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) ARTISTS IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 PER ARTISTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EACH ARTIST:

Miami-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1.	Beth Bru	\$ 750.00
2.	Edny Jean Joseph	\$ 750.00
3.	Christopher Mitchell	\$ 750.00
4.	Roscoe B. Thicke, III	\$ 750.00
5.	Tom Virgin	\$ 750.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	\$ 3,750.00

FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,750.00 FOR THE MAIN OFFICE ARTWORK PROJECT OF THE MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approves Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the following five (5) artists in the not-to-exceed fee amount of \$750.00 per each as described below for each artist:

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For a total expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$3,750.00 for the project for the Main Office project of the Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development.

Background

A PAC meeting was convened on March 26, 2026 to review the credentials of a Miami-based artists shortlist to be invited for development of proposal concepts responding to the specific needs of APP partners at the Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The HCD department recently requested assistance in the design, fabrication, and installation of artists-designed two-dimensional works to enhance their customers' experience when visiting their public service areas, conferences rooms, and connecting corridors throughout their main office floor. The proposed works could be implemented in durable and or temporary media such as vinyl, film, fabric, and or wallpaper and will need to incorporate inspirational phrases, themes, and department brand guidelines. HCD also suggested printing photographs in large format of recently completed artwork commissions at new public housing facilities for display at HCD conference rooms. With an approximate total budget of \$50,000.00, this project will be funded 50/50 with a direct contribution of 50% of costs from HCD of 50% from APP unencumbered contingency funds from housing-related projects.

Upon review and consideration of the project scope, the PAC unanimously recommended inviting the following Miami-based artists to develop proposals addressing the APP client opportunities:

1. Beth Bru
2. Edny Jean Joseph
3. Christopher Mitchell
4. Roscoe B. Thicke, III
5. Tom Virgin

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 26-22 authorizing Professional Artist Services agreements in substantially the form attached with each of the above five (5) artists in the fixed fee amount of \$750.00 for proposal development services for the Main Office project of the Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)