

Memorandum



Date: June 16, 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 26-38 / Residences at Palm Court, Artist Proposal Contracts

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-38

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:

Regional-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Molly Aubry	\$ 1,200.00
2	Hodaya Louis	\$ 1,200.00
3	Carlos Luna	\$ 1,200.00
4	Owen Morrel	\$ 1,200.00
5	Sydia Reyes	\$ 1,200.00
6	Valeria Yamamoto	\$ 1,200.00
	Total Expenditure:	\$ 7,200.00

FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$ 7,200.00 FOR THE RESIDENCES AT PALM COURT PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- RELATED URBAN 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 total expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$7,200.00 for the Residences at Palm Court.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on May 28, 2026, to review the credentials of two hundred and seventeen (217) artists who submitted qualifications from a South Florida Regional Call to Artists to participate in the South Florida Artist Registry for public art opportunities related to various projects of Miami-Dade Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation and Public Works and Parks, and Recreation and Open Spaces Department across the County. In response to an influx of new public-private housing developments with fast-track completion schedules and other mid-size commissioning opportunities across these departments, the Art in Public Places program sought to create a broader shortlist of local-based artists who would be grouped in smaller shortlists and invited to develop proposals for specific projects. Artists who would be eligible for up to (1) year from this approval to participate in various project-specific proposal development opportunities, and it is intended that staff engage artists from this pool based on the scope of the project and input from the client team. It is envisioned that each artist in the 2026 registry be invited to compete at least once.

Per this initiative, APP staff suggests a shortlist of five (5) regional artists to develop proposals for the Residences at Palm Court, a Miami-Dade County Housing and Community Development project in partnership with private developer Related Urban. Located in the West Little River neighborhood, at 930 NW 95th St, Miami FL 33150, Residences at Palm Court will replace 191 existing public housing units with 316 new mixed-income apartments, including a new 5,000 SF Jessie Trice Community Health Clinic. The development enhances the site's density and improves the quality of life for existing residents who will enjoy amenities such as a dog park, community garden, fitness center, and a game room.

Opportunities for public art include an arrival sculpture to welcome residents and visitors at the entrance to the residential parking lot and an artist-design concept for the planned "Zen Garden" to include functional elements for seating and shading. APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 26-38 authorizing proposal contracts with each of the following six (6) artists in the fixed fee amount of \$1,200.00 each for proposal development services for the Residences at Palm Court:

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| 1. Molly Aubry | 4. Owen Morrel |
| 2. Hodaya Louis | 5. Sydia Reyes |
| 3. Carlos Luna | 6. Valeria Yamamoto |