Memorandum

Date: October 13, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-78 / FY 25-26 South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) Artist Acquisitions

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Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-78

RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTWORK ACQUISITION AGREEMENTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN (11) FY 25-26 SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM (SFCC) RECOMMENDED ARTISTS BASED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

#	FY 25-26 SFCC ARTISTS	Acquisition Amount
1	Alicia Edwards	$ $3,636
2	Al'Ikens Plancher	$ $3,636
3	Arsimmer McCoy	$ $3,636
4	Carolina Antonia Wright (Antonia Wright)	$ $3,636
5	Edison Peñafiel Projects, LLC (Edison Peñafiel)	$ $3,636
6	Edson Jean	$ $3,636
7	Esai A Figueroa Ruiz	$ $3,636
8	GeoVanna Gonzalez Studio LLC (GeoVanna Gonzalez)	$ $3,636
9	Juan Luis Matos	$ $3,636
10	Maria Luna Palazzolo	$ $3,636
11	Monica Lopez De Victoria	$ $3,636
Total Recommended Acquisition Amount:		**$ 39,996.00**

FOR A COMBINED TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $ 39,996.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCESSIONING ARTWORKS INTO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION (FROM DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 25-26 SFCC ARTIST ACQUISITION GRANT FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Artwork Acquisition Agreements in substantially the form attached with the following eleven (11) FY 25-26 South Florida Cultural Consortium artists based in Miami-Dade County in the following amounts:

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For a combined total expenditure amount not-to-exceed $39,996.00 for the purpose of accessioning artworks into the Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places Collection.

Background

The South Florida Cultural Consortium Grant Program offers one of the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the United States, awarding $15,000 and $7,500 grants to visual and media artists residing in the counties of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach. Since it was established in 1988, the Consortium has awarded more than $5 million in grants to over 400 artists. In addition to receiving the grant, the artists take part in an exhibition hosted and organized by a visual arts institution in one of the five counties. The SFCC is governed by a board made up of the directors of the cultural affairs departments from the five (5) member counties.

Each year, more than 300 artists who live and work throughout the five counties submit their applications for consideration to the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Grant Program for Visual and Media Artists. The recipients are selected through a two-tier panel process which includes the participation of regional and national arts experts. The national panel also recommends whether selected artists receive the fellowship at the $15,000 level or the $7,500 level. The national panel's recommendations are reviewed and ratified by the South Florida Cultural Consortium and approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

In a continued effort to support regional artists, in 2019 the Artwork Acquisition Program was inaugurated by the Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs to augment the benefits received by Miami-Dade-based SFCC grant award recipients. It is the intention that this funding be used to enhance the FY 25-26 Miami-Dade artists' SFCC grant awards by acquiring artworks to

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accession into the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Collection. The annual acquisition award is equally divided among all winning artists of the given year.

At the May 13, 2026, meeting of the SFCC, the FY 25-26 SFCC budget was adopted, with Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs dedicating $40,000 for the Artwork Acquisition Program. The funding for this program is included in the Department's grants budget and authorized by Miami-Dade County **Ordinance No. O-25-98.**

Artworks will be selected for accession into the APP collection by the APP Program's Curator & Artist Manager, Amanda Sanfilippo Long, based on her serving as the Director of the SFCC and her familiarity with the artists after managing the entire selection process for this annual grant program. The selected artworks consider the fair market price for the recommended acquisitions and the current value of the work of each artist. The acquisition amount also covers any expenses needed for the works to be ready to install and delivered to the Art in Public Places offices. The recommended selection of artworks for accession in the APP collection will be provided as an informational update to the Trust upon selection. It is envisioned that the artworks will be displayed as part of an annual exhibition of SFCC recipients at the Osvaldo N. Soto Justice Center, the exhibition was inaugurated in 2025 in conjunction with the opening of the facility. After the exhibition, the works will be made available to the Adopt-An-Artwork program inventory which sites and rotates original artworks throughout Miami-Dade County facilities courtesy of Art in Public Places.

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-78 approving acquisition agreements with the eleven (11) SFCC Miami-Dade County FY 25-26 artists for accession into the APP collection.