

Memorandum



Date: September 8, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-49 / Gabriella Noelle– RMHCSF/ Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH ARTIST GABRIELLA NOELLE IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$205,000.00 FOR PHASE I – DESIGN AND PHASE II – FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE SOUTH FLORIDA (RMHCSF) AT THE MAIN CAMPUS OF THE JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (FROM THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE SOUTH FLORIDA PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with artist Gabrielle Noelle in the not-to-exceed amount of \$205,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II – Fabrication and Installation Services for the artwork project the Ronald McDonald House South Florida at the main campus of the Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on July 16, 2026 to review design proposals from a group of seven (7) Miami-based artists shortlisted for multiple public art opportunities at the new home of the Ronald McDonald House South Florida (RMHCSF) at the main campus of the Jackson Memorial Hospital. Founded in 1992, this non-profit charitable organization has provided a home-away-from-home for critically ill or injured children and their families at Jackson Memorial, while the children receive specialty care at area pediatric hospitals including Jackson's Holtz Children's Hospital and Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Since 2021, RMHCSF began the phase of "Hope has a New Home", a capital campaign for construction of a modern seven-story facility with 63,000 square feet, located just steps from Holtz Children's Hospital. The new facility will provide 54 private rooms, nearly doubling the number of families that can access the services at this more accessible facility while keeping the heart and soul of the Ronald McDonald House mission front and center.

Opportunities for public art at this new facility included window glass applications for guest rooms, such as applied film or laminate, acrylic, etched Plexiglas, or attached glass elements intended to enhance the experience of the guest rooms by adding color and interest to the glass walls which have limited views to adjacent buildings. Additionally, two-dimensional artworks such as a limited-edition prints, artist-designed original wallpaper, and / or wayfinding solutions were

envisioned to create a cohesive visual experience within the guest rooms to compliment the glass-based applications.

After thoughtful discussion with input from the client teams, APP Trust, and staff, the PAC recommended Cuban American artist Gabriella Noelle for her proposal concept "*Garden of Gratitude*" in which the artist reflected her perspective of her own family experience as the mother of NICU twins, and her gratitude for the support of nurses and healthcare professionals. The proposed artwork concepts take the forms of playful window graphic installations in UV digital printed vinyl, spirited wayfinding elements in wood and frosted acrylic, dimensional artwork including seating elements, and colorful moments of discovery to create an environment of comfort, optimism, and respite. Throughout the building, a recurring, friendly figure of a nurse appearing among butterflies, abstract shapes and botanical imagery bring the calming presence of nature indoors. Inspired in part by Scandinavian design principles, the artwork embraces simplicity, warmth, and a connection to the natural world. The clean forms and childlike drawings create an environment that feels peaceful rather than overstimulating, allowing the imagination to flourish while providing a sense of calm.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-49 authorizing a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Gabrielle Noelle in the not-to-exceed amount of fixed amount of \$205,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II-Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the Ronald McDonald House South Florida at the main campus of Jackson Memorial Hospital.