

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 26-50/ Chire Regans, Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant (HCD, HUD) / PSA Contract

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH ARTIST CHIRE REGANS IN THE NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$42,000.00 FOR PHASE I-DESIGN AND PHASE II – FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE TEMPORARY ARTWORK PROJECT TO BE SITED AT THE WARD TOWERS HOUSING FACILITY AND THE NEARBY DESIGNATED BUS STOP AT THE CORNER OF NW 54TH STREET AND NW 22 AVE IN MIAMI (FROM MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 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 Chire Regans in the not-to-exceed amount of \$42,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II – Fabrication and Installation Services of the temporary artwork project at the Ward Towers Housing Facility and the nearby designated bus stop at the corner of NW 54th Street and NW 22nd Ave in Miami.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on July 16, 2026, to discuss the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant secured by the Miami-Dade Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HCD approached APP to assist in the artist selection and implementation of temporary public artworks to fulfill the grant objectives with an estimated completion of March of 2027.

The grant was awarded to HCD to support a two-year, community-driven planning process focused on housing, people, and neighborhood revitalization in the MLK Metrorail Station area, specifically at and around the former Annie Coleman 16 Public Housing sites located in the Brownsville neighborhood, to the west of Liberty City.

As part of this effort, HCD approached Art in Public Places for support in the artist selection and implementation of an Early Action Activity (EAA), a small, highly visible project designed to demonstrate progress and build community trust. Identifying three key areas, the team at HCD noted their interest in exploring creative mural and lighting concepts that enhance safety, activates the space, and reflects the neighborhood's identity. The designated locations along with proposed funding allocations for each include:

- \$ 95,000.00 for an artistic lighting installation at MLK Station and Plaza
- \$ 65,000.00 to activate a Bus Stop located at the corner of NW 54th Street & 22nd Ave
- \$ 65,000.00 to implement a large-scale mural along the southwest corner of NW 54th street & 22nd Avenue of the Ward Towers Housing Facility

To expedite the artist selection process for this important collaboration, APP staff reviewed a suggested list of Miami-based artists with the PAC from which the committee unanimously recommended artist Chire Regans to develop a temporary artwork concept that would unify the two separate locations at the Ward Towers and the Bus Stop location, which are in close proximity to each other and visually connected. In concurrence with HCD, APP staff suggests adjusting the funding allocation for the combined scope to \$120,000.00 and approving an initial release of \$ 42,000.00 for design development services. This will enable the artist to resolve all design-related issues as APP and HCD staff work in parallel to finalize a memorandum of understanding for this collaboration.

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-50 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with artist Chire Regans in the not-to-exceed amount of \$ 42,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the temporary artwork project to be sited at the Ward Towers and the nearby designated bus stop at the corner of NW 54th Street and NW 22nd Ave in Miami.