

Memorandum



Date: January 9, 2024
To: Chair and Members
 Art in Public Places Trust
From: Marialaura Leslie, Director *M Leslie*
 Department of Cultural Affairs
Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-02 / Basile Art, Inc. / Civil and Probate
 Courthouse / Addendum I

Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-02

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH BASILE ART, INC. (LEAD ARTIST JENNIFER BASILE) IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00 FOR PHASE II - FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT FOR THE CEREMONIAL COURTROOM AT THE NEW CIVIL AND PROBATE COURTHOUSE (FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Basile Art, Inc. (lead artist Jennifer Basile) in the fixed fee amount of \$90,000.00 for Phase II - Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project for the Ceremonial Courtroom at the new Civil and Probate Courthouse.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held from January 25 - 27, 2022 to review design proposals from a group of seventeen (17) artists shortlisted from a national Call to Artists for a combined series of public art opportunities for the Civil and Probate Courthouse, located in Downtown Miami on NW 1st Ave between Flagler St and NW 1st Street. At this meeting, the PAC unanimously recommended commissioning Miami-based artist Jennifer Basile to translate an original oil bar painting into a large-scale hand-cut glass mosaic for the prominent wall behind the judge's bench of the ceremonial courtroom in context with the State of Florida seal. It is was envisioned that the imagery would feature the artist's signature approach to the flora and fauna of South Florida and her interest in environmentalism and protection of natural habitats.

On February 14, 2023, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-10, the Trust authorized a total budget of \$120,000.00 for the recommended commission and an initial contract in the amount of \$30,000.00 for full design development services. To date, the artist has completed the final artwork drawing featuring a motif inspired by the leaves and fruit of the distinctive Florida Sea Grape. This native tree, with its deep greens, gold, and bronze tones, serves as a contrasting backdrop against the somber quality of the official seal for the State of Florida which will be installed proud of the artwork mural. The dimensions of the mural are approximately 10'-10" (L) x 14'-0" (H). The artist has finalized the selection of all glass colors and textures and is nearing the fabrication of the artwork mockup, which at the request of the project

team, will combine a small section of hand-cut glass mosaic field tile with a small section of hand-cut materials to represent a detail of the State of Florida seal. Contingent on mockup approval, the artist will custom fabricate the Florida seal as an integral part of the artwork mural using hand-cut glass mosaic tile.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-02 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Basile Art, Inc. (lead artist Jennifer Basile) in the fixed fee amount of \$90,000.00 for Phase II - Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project for the ceremonial courtroom at the new Civil and Probate Courthouse.