

# Memorandum



**Date:** July 11, 2023

**To:** Chair and Members  
Art in Public Places Trust

**From:** Michael Spring, Director  
Department of Cultural Affairs

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-44 / Doral Branch Library / Artist Proposal Contracts

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) ARTISTS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE AMOUNTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EACH ARTIST:

**Local-based Artists**

	<b>Recommended Artist</b>	<b>Proposal Fee</b>
1	Kevin Arrow	\$ 850.00
2	Florencio Gelabert	\$ 850.00
3	Regina Jestrow	\$ 850.00
4	Alex Nunez	\$ 850.00
5	Charo Oquet	\$ 850.00
6	Michelle Lisa Polissaint	\$ 850.00
7	Evelyn Politzer	\$ 850.00
8	Yolanda Sanchez	\$ 850.00
	<i>Alternate</i>	
1	Jacoub Reyes	\$ -
	<b>Combined Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 6,800.00</b>

FOR A COMBINED TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,800.00 FOR THE DORAL BRANCH LIBRARY PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM DEPARTMENT 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 eight (8) artists in the not-to-exceed fee amounts as described below for each artist:

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For a combined total expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$6,800.00 for the Doral Branch Library project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on June 15, 2023 with the purpose of reviewing artist qualifications for the Doral Branch Library, a new library facility on NW 53 Terrace between NW 87 Avenue and NW 84 Avenue. The 3-story building features a semi-covered terrace on the third floor facing Downtown Doral Park. The ground floor includes a welcoming lobby with a double-height atrium space, grand staircase, and multipurpose room. The second floor houses the children and young adult areas. The third floor houses the adult area and library staff spaces. This building takes advantage of an open floor plan, modern design and materials, and quality views. Approximately \$100,000.00 is available for public art.

Opportunities for public art included but are not limited to applications to the north exterior wall stair tower, a suspended artist designed sculpture and lighting element or application to interior atrium and stairwell wall, and / or durable application beneath the exterior roof terrace canopy. After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended inviting the following eight (8) artists to create full proposals for a new commission and/or acquisition of existing artwork:

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| 1. | Kevin Arrow        | 6. | Michelle Lisa Polissaint |
| 2. | Florencio Gelabert | 7. | Evelyn Politzer          |
| 3. | Regina Jestrow     | 8. | Yolanda Sanchez          |
| 4. | Alex Nunez         |    | <u>Alternate</u>         |
| 5. | Charo Oquet        | 1. | Jacoub Reyes             |

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 23-44 authorizing Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the above eight (8) artists and one (1) alternate each in the fixed fee amount of \$850.00, for proposal development services for the new Doral Branch Library project for a combined not-to-exceed expenditure amount of \$6,800.00.