

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 10, 2023

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

**From:** Marialaura Leslie, Interim Director  
Department of Cultural Affairs

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-63 / Loriel Beltran – Civil and Probate Courthouse / Addendum I

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## Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-63

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH LORIEL BELTRAN, INC. (LEAD ARTIST LORIEL BELTRAN) IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$349,000.00 FOR PHASE II - FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK FLOORS AT THE NEW CIVIL AND PROBATE COURTHOUSE (FROM MIAMI-DADE 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 Loriel Beltran, Inc. (lead artist Loriel Beltran) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$349,000.00 for Phase II – Fabrication and Installation of the artwork floors at the new Civil and Probate Courthouse.

## Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on 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. This public/private development will serve the Civil and Probate Divisions of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the Clerk of Courts and other related court partners including administrative services, court-related programs, court support functions, and facility management services. A very special project with great community significance, the new courthouse will functionally replace the existing iconic Miami-Dade County Courthouse which has been in service since the 1920s. The project includes twenty-four (24) floors, forty-six (46) finished jury courtrooms and one (1) additional shell space for an additional four (4) jury courtrooms including fifty-nine (59) secure parking spaces. The courthouse is designed to be a significant landmark.

At this meeting, the PAC unanimously recommended commissioning Miami-based artist Loriel Beltran to pursue his Sunset Lobby concept of painting a site-specific mural featuring a zig-zag pattern of orange and blue above the light shelf area directly across from the single elevator bank on the main floor. The PAC also recommended that the artist pursue his design aesthetic for the Atmospheric Floor concept featuring related color palettes of complementary colors for specific areas of the terrazzo floor. The complementary colors resonate with the concept of achieving balance in justice, and the color effect creates an illusion of radiance.

On February 14, 2023, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-09, the Trust authorized a total commission budget of \$465,000.00 for implementation of Loriel Beltran's two-pronged proposal and a Professional Artist Services Agreement in the initial amount of \$116,000.00 for design development of the combined proposal concepts for the wall mural and terrazzo floor designs.

In close collaboration with APP staff and the client's executive team, the artist is nearing completion of a series of terrazzo designs for fabrication and installation at designated courtroom lobby areas. The combination of rich complementary colors will be mixed with epoxy and shimmery natural aggregates to create a luminous gradient-like optical illusion. The artist has negotiated a premium price of \$35 per square foot with the project's terrazzo subcontractor that may allow for the artwork to be implemented in up to five (5) different waiting lobbies each with an approximate area of 1800 sq ft.

Given the building's accelerated construction schedule and the artist's advance stage of design development, APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-63 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Loriel Beltran, Inc. (lead artist Loriel Beltran) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$349,000.00 for fabrication and installation of the painted wall mural and terrazzo artwork floors at the Civil and Probate Courthouse project. Execution of this addendum is contingent on the artist's successful completion and submittal of all deliverables required under the Phase I- Design Services.