



## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** March 12, 2013  
**Item Number:** E-2  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services  
**Subject:** APPROPRIATION OF FINE ART FUNDS FOR VARIOUS ART RELATED PROJECTS  
**Attachments:** None

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council move to approve an appropriation from Fund 18, account number 41091 to Fund 18, account number 73122 in the amount of \$62,873.75 to address various needs related to ongoing Fine Art projects. These funds can only be used for art related purchase, installation and maintenance expenses.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Every year a modest amount of money is budgeted to address ongoing needs related to the fine art collection in the City. This Fiscal Year \$52,500 was budgeted to pay for services such as art restoration, maintenance and various costs related to the installation of the Plensa piece. To accomplish the goals of the Fine Arts Commission for the remainder of the year, additional funds need to be appropriated.

### **DISCUSSION**

A major priority for the Fine Art Commission this past year was the restoration of City-owned artwork. As a result, staff released a request for proposal process (RFP) for these services and the firm of Rosa Lowinger & Associates was engaged as a result of their cost structure, expertise, and prior experience with public art. The Commission prioritized *Hunter and Hounds*, *Spiral of Life* and *Playground* as the first pieces to receive restoration. Each of these pieces has been fully restored.

Additionally, as described in the report to City Council on April 17, 2012, there were ancillary expenses related to the installation of the Plensa piece, including, amongst other things, pulling electrical wiring for lighting, creating the concrete base for the piece, installing the piece itself.

As a result of these projects, the budgeted funds for this fiscal year have been all encumbered or expended.

For the remainder of this fiscal year, the Commission recommends renewing the contract with Rosa Lowinger and Associates to restore 3 additional pieces of City-owned public art. The Commission is also exploring means of protecting the Kusama *Hymn of Life* piece through additional plantings, fencing or other means. In addition, the Commission recommends the installation of lighting for *Erratic* by Roxy Paine and the installation of an astronomical clock for that block of Beverly Gardens Park to manage the lighting more economically. Finally, there will be some expenses related to the dedication and celebration of the Millard Sheets mural which is currently being installed. Therefore, staff recommends that City Council appropriate an additional \$62,873.75 to cover these expenses.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

\$62,873.75 to be appropriated from Fund 18,41091 to Fund 18,73122. Funds were not budgeted but are available in the Fine Art Fund for this purpose.



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