

# PERCENT FOR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

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# WHAT IS A PERCENT FOR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM?



Percent for Public Art programs allocate a small portion of municipal capital improvement budgets (usually 1.0%) for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of public art. In the US, there are more than 350 Percent for Art programs (the first established in Philadelphia in 1959). Governance and management systems vary.



# DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL

At the August 26<sup>th</sup> study session Council directed ACB to bring back a revised Percent for Public Art resolution and policy for their consideration.



# KEY PROVISIONS

- Applies to public construction projects over \$500,000
- Does not apply to non-City funding (State, Federal, grants, etc.)
- Public Works may designate 1% of actual construction costs towards the integration of public art into the project
- For projects where public art is not feasible, a 1% fee-in-lieu will be deposited into a designated account for the acquisition of public art, managed by ACB
- Exclusions to this policy include temporary improvements, repair and maintenance, pavement management, etc.

# ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLANS

Percent for Public Art Program is a key action item in the following:

- Arts & Culture Board Strategic Plan 2.0, adopted by Council October 2023
- Arts & Culture Community Strategic Plan, adopted by Council May 2025



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Questions?

The Arts & Culture Board recommends the approval of the Percent for Public Art resolution and policy.