

Proposal for Policy Change Designating an Annual Funding Line Item for the  
Ann Arbor Public Art Commission  
December 16, 2019

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission is designed to support and encourage civic interaction with the public art holdings of the City of Ann Arbor. To meet this mission, it would be beneficial to designate a budgetary line item not to exceed \$30,000 annually for the purpose of funding:

- Installation costs or fees associated with donated or purchased art (foundation and site preparation, documentation and research, plaques and signage, moving and transportation, etc.)
- Matching funds, which are often necessary for grant applications written in support of new or improved public art efforts.
- Costs associated with public outreach campaigns and events that promote the awareness of public art in the City of Ann Arbor.

Having a designated annual line item would accomplish a number of important goals:

- Build community partnership and confidence through the timely and coordinated maintenance of neighborhood and civic assets;
- Maintain and preserve the art assets currently owned by the public;
- Increase support for community organizations interested in housing, maintaining, or securing grants for public art on their properties;
- Reduce budgetary pressure and coordination difficulties for departments that either are responsible for individual pieces of public art, or for the coordination of AAPAC efforts;
- Allow AAPAC to easily leverage resources for one of their expressed regulatory purposes, and;
- Develop beneficial relationships with other City departments and efforts.

This line item is not intended to replace or adjust the budget, the budgeting process, or the current financial direction or efforts of the Public Services Area as it relates to their oversight of public art efforts.

This designated funding would be renewed on the first day of the City's fiscal year, and unexpended funds would not roll over from one year to the next. This designated line item would be reviewed for renewal, charge, and adjustment every year during the normal budgeting cycle by both the AAPAC and the City Council. The use or encumbrance of these monies would not be allocated without an express vote of the AAPAC at a publicly held meeting.

Submitted and Approved by: Ann Arbor Public Art Commission  
Reviewed and Accepted by: Councilmember Ramlawi