

Proposal for Policy Change Designating an Annual Funding Line Item for AAPAC
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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 \$20,000 annually for the purpose of:

- Installation costs associated with donated or purchased art (foundation and site preparation, documentation and research, plaques and signage, moving and transportation, etc.)
- Matching funds for unexpected repair and maintenance of public art (outside of expected routine or scheduled maintenance) to ensure adequate and timely repairs are made through shared expenditures.
- Matching funds necessary for grant applications written in support of new or improved public art efforts.

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

- Build community partnership and trust through the timely and coordinated maintenance of neighborhood and civic assets,
- Increase support for communities and departments interested in housing and maintaining public art on their properties,
- Alleviate 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,
- Develop beneficial relationships with other City departments and efforts, and,
- Alleviate the need for small City Council asks around matters of maintenance and other coordinated support 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, change, and adjustment every year during the normal budgeting cycle by both the AAPAC and the City Council.