



## General Government Committee

### Artist-in-Residence Program Update

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**Title:**

Artist-in-Residence Program Update

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Information only. No action requested.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Information only. No action requested.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Discussion on the Artist-in-Residence program

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**Presenter(s):**

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Kathy Dorgan Arts Commissioner  
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**Background and Analysis:**

Item 1.4 on the Arts Commission approved 2021 Work Plan identifies the City Artist-In-Residence Program:

*In partnership with the City's Homeless Response efforts, work with City supported shelters to invite an Artist-in-Residence to provide art education to one location for a period of up to 6 months.*

The development of the program has been, in part, a response to City Council feedback to the Grants to Arts and Culture Organizations program, showing a preference for art making opportunities in the community over arts experiences.

Modeled after the Art Crossing program, in which neighborhoods are consulted for input before an artist is selected, this project is built on working with the City's Homeless Response Coordinator to first identify homeless communities interested in working with an Artist-in-Residence, and later, helping to shape what that project will look like.

In preparation, the Arts Commission has drafted a policy and a draft Call for Art.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The community has an interest in arts opportunities for all community members.

**Options:**

1. Receive the update and provide feedback.
2. Do not receive the update or provide feedback.
3. Receive the update and provide feedback at another item.

**Financial Impact:**

\$2,250 from the Municipal Art Fund.

**Attachments:**

Draft Artist in Residence Call for Art

Draft Artist in Residence Policy