



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM

Report: City-Wide Public Art Landmarks RFQ – Design Concept Proposals for Artsakh Ave. Overhead Artwork and Artsakh Ave. Gateway Artwork.

1. Motion recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or a designee, to enter into an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with an artist/artist team to design, fabricate, and install a public art piece for the Artsakh Ave. Overhead Artwork in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
2. Motion recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or a designee, to enter into an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with an artist/artist team to design, fabricate, and install a public art piece for the Artsakh Ave. Gateway Artwork in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

COMMISSION ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for January 28, 2022 **calendar**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Arts and Culture Commission adopt two separate Motions:

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artist/artist team to design, fabricate, and install a public art piece for the Artsakh Ave. Gateway Artwork in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On September 20, 2020, during the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting, the Commission recommended that the City Council enter into a Professional Services Agreement with LeBasse Projects, an art consultant, to strategically procure and manage the commission of up to ten (10) long-term to permanent pieces of artwork in all parts of Glendale where public space may be available and/or feasible.

On October 20, 2020, during the Regular City Council Meeting, the Council approved a Motion to authorize the Interim City Manager, or a designee, to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement— subject to approval by the City Attorney— with LeBasse Projects (LBP Consulting, LLC), in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 dispersed throughout three fiscal years (FY 20/2021, FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23), from the Urban Art Program Fund, for professional public art procurement and management services for the commission of up to ten long-term to permanent pieces of artwork in all parts of Glendale where public space may be available and/or feasible.

In February 2021, LeBasse Projects entered into a Professional Services Agreement with the City of Glendale, and worked with Staff to develop a project plan for establishing recommendations for proposed public art locations throughout the City.

On May 20, 2021, during the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting, LeBasse Projects presented their proposed strategic plan and recommended locations for public art within the City. During this meeting, the Commission chose 6 locations for an initial City-Wide Public Art RFQ process:

1. Artsakh Ave. Gateway Artwork
2. Artsakh Ave. Overhead Artwork
3. Artsakh Ave. Ground-level Sculpture
4. Central Park Ground-level Sculpture
5. Glenoaks Blvd. / Brand Blvd. Median Sculpture
6. Verdugo Park Ground/Building Mural

On August 16, 2021, LeBasse Projects released a City-Wide Public Art Landmarks RFQ via Submittable, and reached out to several local and international artists regarding this opportunity. The RFQ closed on October 8, 2021 and Staff received 256 applications for consideration.

On September 16, 2021 during the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting, the Commission appointed Chairperson Yank to represent the Commission on an Artist Review & Selection Committee to review applications for the City-Wide Public Art Landmarks RFQ. In November 2021, the Committee met to review applications and discussed recommendations for finalists to submit design concept proposals for two

opportunities: Artsakh Ave. Gateway Artwork and Artsakh Ave. Overhead Artwork. In December 2021, LeBasse Projects proceeded to work with 8 artists/artist teams to submit design concept proposals for the aforementioned opportunities.

On January 28, 2022 during the Special Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission, LeBasse Projects will provide an overview of the finalists, and the artists/artist teams present their design concept proposals for review and consideration by the Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds exist in the 2021-2022 Work Plan to cover the costs associated for the City-Wide Public Art Landmarks RFQ.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The Commission may adopt two separate Motions:

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Alternative 2: The Commission may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A – Artsakh Ave. Overhead Artwork Design Concept Proposals

EXHIBIT B – Artsakh Ave. Gateway Artwork Design Concept Proposals