

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2025

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SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON FY 2025/2026 PUBLIC ART BUDGET
AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file informational report on FY 2025/2026 Public Art budget and projects.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Listed below is the proposed FY 2025/2026 Public Art budget that will be presented to the City Council in May 2025.

- Professional Services: \$100,000
 - o Public Art signage (QR signposts and plaques for artworks), utility cabinet beautification project, community art projects, on-call graphic design services for public art collateral, scanning of public art files, photography services
- Repair & Maintenance: \$140,000
 - o Annual artwork maintenance, phased restoration work, and contingency for unanticipated repairs/removals
- Supplies: \$2,000
 - o Miscellaneous supplies for Cultural Arts Committee, Student Art and Essay Contest, etc.
- Local Meetings, Conferences, and Mileage: \$8,500
 - o Staff reimbursement to attend public art related meetings and conferences
- Other: \$23,620
 - o Advertising and promotion, printing and duplicating, subscriptions and publications, dues, and postage/freight
- Capital Projects: \$310,000
 - o San Pablo Phase II roundabout sculpture and misc. public art projects
- Capital Outlay: \$0
 - o Amount decreased as it is an off year for the El Paseo Sculpture Exhibition
- **Total: \$584,120**

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(FY 2025/2026 Public Art Budget and Projects)

Listed below are proposed/scheduled projects for FY 2025/2026:

- San Pablo Phase II roundabout fabrication and installation
- 2026 Student Art and Essay Contest
- Poet Laureate Program
- Repair and restoration of *Desert Dessert*
- Replace palm fronds and maintenance of *Baja Palapa*
- Restoration of other artworks (TBD)
- 2027-2028 El Paseo Sculpture Exhibition Call for Artists and selection
- Update Public Art Municipal Code and all developer policies
- Design Public Art developer brochure
- Library Deaccession Plan
- Utility Box Beautification Project
- ARTS in California Parks, *Rising Inversion* by Cristopher Cichocki

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total proposed Public Art budget for FY 2025/2026 is \$584,120 and is subject to City Council approval.