City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-3014, **Agenda Item #:** 2. 11/19/2026

Posting Language
Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Digital Artist in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for the Northeast Service Center Suspended 3D Artwork for Art in Public Places Project. Funding: $300,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Financial Services.

Lead Department
Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment.

Fiscal Note
$300,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Financial Services.

For More Information:
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:
October 19, 2026 - Recommended by the Arts Commission on a 6-0 vote.

October 5, 2026 - Recommended by the Art in Public Places Panel on a 4-0 vote. Artist recommended: Digital Artist (Carlyn Ray) and alternate artist FYOOG.

Additional Backup Information:
Art in Public Places (AIPP) of the Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment and Austin Financial Services sought to commission a Texas-based professional visual artist to design, fabricate, and install artwork for the Northeast Service Center Suspended 3D Artwork AIPP project. The goal of the project is to commission Texas -based artists and/or artist teams who, in collaboration with City staff and community stakeholders, design artwork that integrates with the physical site at 8301 Johnny Morris Road, specifically, the administrative building on the north campus.

On March 2, 2026, an art call was approved by the AIPP Panel. Subsequently, the art call was open to Texas-based artists to submit applications between June 22 through August 3, 2026.

An artist selection panel independently reviewed and scored 50 applications. On September 23, 2026, the artist selection panel convened to review the combined average scores and identify one recommended artist and one alternate. After a robust discussion, the artist selection panel recommended Digital Artist (Carlyn Ray) and FYOOG as the alternate artist for the $300,000 commission.

Selection Panel Voting Panelists:

- Meghan Echols, Austin Visual Artist
- Ender Martos, Austin Visual Artist
- Kimberly Mirelez, Art Administrator, San Antonio Public Art Program Manager

Selection Panel Non-Voting Advisors:

- Richard McHale, Director, Austin Resource Recovery, Sponsor Representative
- Rick Harland, Assistant Director, Austin Fleet Mobility Services, Sponsor Representative
- Paul Suttles, STG Design, Design Team Representative

Selection Meeting Facilitators:

- Rebecca Rende, AIPP Coordinator Senior
- Jaime Castillo, AIPP Manager