PUBLIC ART FOR THE CITY OF BERKELEY

A GUIDE TO
The Public Art Process
The Civic Arts Commission
The Percent for Art Program
Guidelines for Public Art

The City and Its People
Mural by Romare Bearden
The City and Its People was one of the first public art commissions of the renowned African-American artist, the late Romare Bearden. The Civic Arts Commission of the City of Berkeley commissioned this mural in 1973 to be created and placed in the City Council Chambers as an active and accessible part of the city’s civic life. In addition to the placement of the mural in an open and well-used civic area, the logo of the City of Berkeley contains a multicultural design derived from a segment of this mural’s imagery. The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. has prepared a retrospective of Romare Bearden’s life work. The exhibition has been on national tour following the opening in September of 2003 in Washington, D.C. The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is featuring the retrospective in February of 2004. The exhibition will then move on to the Dallas Museum of Art in June of 2004, to the Whitney Museum of American Art in October of 2004, and will conclude at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, in January 2005. The City and Its People is of great importance to this exhibition due to its size, the fact that the artist, himself, worked on all aspects of this artwork and because the City of Berkeley has incorporated this mural into the fabric of its civic life.
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Please see additional publication:
“City of Berkeley Public Art Registry”, 2002

Visit the City of Berkeley Public Art Website for the most up to date information about the City’s Public Art Program.

http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/civicarts/publicart.htm
Hello and Welcome to the Public Art Program for the City of Berkeley. As the Civic Arts Coordinator, I am very happy to be here in the midst of such exciting times for the arts in the City. In 1999 the Public Art Resolution was passed by City Council. This Resolution provides a funding source for the 1985 Visual Art Ordinance, which defines the process for the commissioning and selection of public artwork. The Measure S Bond Fund, which was specifically marked for use in the downtown area, enabled us to produce the Library Gates, two major sculptures on Shattuck Avenue, and both the sidewalk art inserts and the poetry panels on Addison Street. The Downtown Arts District is near completion and has been receiving extensive publicity on the local and national scale. As we begin our next round of Public Art projects, we are turning our focus to two different regions of Berkeley: South Berkeley and the West Berkeley/ Interstate-80 areas. All of us look forward to working with you to make Berkeley an even more beautiful and attractive place to live, work, shop and recreate. January, 2004.

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HISTORY OF THE
PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

In 1985 the City of Berkeley passed a Visual Art Ordinance that established a process for the selection of Public Art in the City. In 1999 the Public Art Resolution was passed to begin the 1.5% Funding for the Public Art Program.

In January of 1998, the vacant Civic Arts Coordinator position was filled with one of the primary objectives being to research, write and present to the Civic Arts Commission and the City Council a Resolution for Funding a Public Art Program for the City of Berkeley. In order to bring the best current practices in the field to Berkeley, the Civic Arts Coordinator attended four professional conferences and a half-day California Arts Council consultation*. The Civic Arts Coordinator with the assistance of the then director of the UC Berkeley Art Museum formed the beginnings of the Berkeley Cultural Trust, one of its purposes being to serve as a community advisory group to the public art effort.

The Downtown Measure S projects were the first phase of the Public Art Program. These projects were funded by a voter bond issue passed for Downtown improvements. Through the Measure S Bond Fund, the Addison Streetscape improvements were initiated and completed. These projects included the sidewalk poetry and artworks on Addison Street, the hard-carved Library Gates in the Central Public Library, and the two large downtown sculptures located at the entrance of the Arts District.

The Public Art Program contains both functional and stand alone fine art, both of which are demonstrated by the Public Art projects completed through Measure S. Functional public art serves two purposes. It is specifically designed for the site and fulfills a utilitarian purpose. Excellent examples of functional public art are the hand-carved Library Gates in the Central Public Library and the sidewalk artworks that adorn both sides of Addison Street in the Downtown Arts District. Stand-alone fine art is independent and not usually incorporated into the structure or use of a project or building component, serving instead as a source of inspiration and beauty. The two downtown sculptures, s’hertogenbosch and Earthsong for Berkeley by artists John Toki and Wang PoShu, are both examples of stand-alone fine art. Whenever possible an artist or team of artists will work with the architects at the beginning of the design process so that the artwork can become an integral part of the built environment. All public artworks become part of the built environment and a “value added” benefit to capital improvement projects.

The process of Public Art is very challenging and the staff as well as the Civic Arts Commission have included the community in this ongoing dialogue. As part of this process, a Public Art Committee of the Civic Arts Commission was formed to assist with the selection of public art sites as well as development of the program as a whole. With assistance from the Public Art Committee, City staff develops and announces a Call for Entries for each project. The selection of each artwork is assigned

California Arts Council State/Local Retreat, Asilomar, February 1998.
Governor’s Conference on the Arts, December 1998.
to a Selection Panel specific to each project. Selection Panels are chosen with input from the Civic Arts Commission, City staff, the community, and the project architect. All entries are judged for merit and appropriateness by the Selection Panel. The selected finalist is submitted to the Civic Arts Commission for final approval and the artwork is then commissioned.

Public workshops on how to apply and become a public artist are part of our program, as well as open meetings and community participation. An open, regional workshop is held for each round of public art projects.

Some competitions are international, some regional, and some open to entry by Berkeley artists only. Each Call for Entries clearly states the site, the eligibility of artists, the time line for the project, the process for evaluation, the funds involved, etc. and are widely distributed through appropriate mail, the world wide web, art journals and newspaper announcements. The goal is an open and balanced program that will enhance the City of Berkeley and strengthen Berkeley artists. By keeping part of our competitive Call for Entries open to other cities, we will encourage other cities to allow Berkeley artists to compete for commissions in their cities as well. The Public Art process follows the visual art ordinances in place and the Arts Commission will continue to operate in accordance with all open and public meeting laws.

The passage of the Percent for Art Fund (Resolution No. 60,048-N.S.) in May of 1999 enables the Public Art Program to live beyond the limited Measure S bond fund, which by law could only be used for Downtown improvements. Each year, 1.5% of the City of Berkeley eligible Capital Improvement funds are put into a Public Art Fund. The annual Public Art Plan will continue to enrich the architectural and cultural environment of the City.

We look forward to a positive, inclusive, and respectful process.

** A copy of this resolution is included in this booklet
EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC ART


THE PUBLIC ART SELECTION PROCESS

1985 City Ordinance on Visual Art

The Selection Process (follows 1985 City Ordinance on Visual Art in Public Places)

1. The Civic Arts Commission has oversight responsibility for the Public Art Program in cooperation with the Civic Art Coordinator and City staff. The Civic Arts Commission appoints a four person Public Art Committee from its members that has direct oversight of the Public Art Program and which reports back to the full Commission.

2. This Public Art Committee, along with the Civic Arts Coordinator, City staff and an experienced project consultant, appoints the selection panels, based on consideration of each site and project and determined by the candidates’ experience and training.

3. Selection Panels, consisting of three to seven members, will serve only for the period needed to choose the work or works of art for one identified area and then disband. Selection Panels may work with a number of art pieces identified for one project area such as Downtown or the Library. To insure a representative community body, the Selection Panels will be made up of:

   Three consultants* and when appropriate additional members consisting of:

   A representative of the neighborhood
   A representative of the Civic Arts Commission
   A representative of other City boards and Commissions
   A project architect

4. The recommendation of the selection panels will be passed on to the Public Art Committee of the Civic Arts Commission. The committee’s recommendation is then passed on to the whole Civic Arts Commission, which in turn will inform the City Council of the work or works to be commissioned in accordance with the 1985 Ordinance. The decision of the Art Commission is final. An informal community advisory group consisting of Berkeley’s nonprofit arts agencies call the Berkeley Cultural Trust, has agreed to act as a partner to the whole process for support and guidance.

Public Art for the City of Berkeley

All the above is based on existing ordinances and reflects a fair, open and respectful process used throughout the United States. All open call for entry will be widely distributed and a series of educational workshops will be held for artists wishing to participate in the process. Please call the Civic Arts Coordinator if you have any questions (510) 981-7533.

* “Qualified consultant” means professional visual artists, educators, scholars, historians, collectors, and environmental designers and planners, whose authorities and skills are known and respected in the community and, whenever feasible, who have demonstrated an interest in, and have participated in, the arts of the city. (Ord. 5630-NS1 (part), 1985)
Chapter 6.14
VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Sections:

Section 6.14.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter the terms listed in this section shall be defined as follows:

A. “Visual art in public places” means any visual work of art displayed for two weeks or more in an open City-owned area, on the exterior of any City-owned facility, in areas designated as public areas, lobbies, or public assembly areas, or on non-city property if the work of art is installed or financed, whether wholly or in part, with city funds or grants procured by the City.

B. “Work of art” includes, but is not limited to, functional art integrated into public improvements, a sculpture, monument, mural, painting, fountain, banner, mosaic, weaving, stained glass, multimedia, computer-generated art, and earth art.

C. “Permanent installation” means a work of art in a public place intended to remain or remaining for one year or more.

D. “Temporary installation” means a work of art in a public place intended to remain for less than one year.

E. “Qualified consultant” means professional visual artists, educators, scholars, historians, collectors, and environmental designers and planners, whose authorities and skills are known and respected in the community and, whenever feasible, who have demonstrated an interest in, and have participated in, the arts of the City. (Ord. 6487-NS § 1, 1999; Ord. 5630-NS § 1 (part), 1985)


A visual arts panel shall be convened by the Civic Arts Commission as a temporary subcommittee of the Civic Arts Commission for each art in public places project. A different visual arts panel shall serve for each art in public places project and shall dissolve after placement of the work of art. The visual arts panel shall include three qualified consultants appointed by the Civic Arts Commission and, when appropriate as determined by the Civic Arts Commission, a representative of affected neighborhoods, the Civic Arts Commission, other appropriate City boards and commissions, and project architects.
The duties of a visual arts panel with respect to specific art in public places projects shall be as follows:

A. To devise methods of selecting and commissioning artists with respect to the design, execution, and placement of specific art in public places projects, and pursuant to such methods, to advise the Civic Arts Commission on the selection and commissioning of artists for such projects;

B. To advise the Civic Arts Commission regarding the amounts to be spent on specific art in public places projects;

C. To advise and assist the Civic Arts Commission in obtaining financial assistance for art in public places projects from private, corporate, and governmental sources. (Ord. 5630-NS § 1 (part), 1985)


In performing its duties with respect to art in public places, a visual arts panel shall give special attention to the following matters:

A. Appropriateness of the design to the functions of the site;

B. Representation of a broad variety of tastes within the community and the provisions of a balanced inventory of art in public places to insure a variety of style, design, and media throughout the community that also will be representative of the eclectic tastes of the community. (Ord. 5630-NS § 1 (part), 1985)


A. Review of permanent and temporary installations: Permanent and temporary installations shall receive the prior review and advice of a visual arts panel. Extensions of time for temporary installations to remain for one year or more may be granted by a visual arts panel. Permanent installations shall not be removed, altered, or changed without the prior review and advice of a visual arts panel and the artist, whenever feasible.

B. Private sites for art in public places: No work of art financed or installed whether wholly or in part with City funds or with grants procured by the City shall be permanently installed on privately owned property without a written agreement between the City and the owner specifying the proprietary interests in the work of art, binding the owner to the general rules for art in public places, specifying that the owner shall assure installation of the work of art in a manner which will protect the work of art and the public and that the work of art will be maintained in good condition, and providing for appropriate insurance and indemnification, as well as any other provisions deemed necessary or desirable by the City Attorney.

C. Consultation with the artist: Installation, maintenance, alteration, refinishing, and moving of art in public places shall be done in consultation with the artist whenever feasible.
D. Inventory of art in public places: The Civic Arts Commission shall maintain a detailed record of all art in public places, including site drawings, photographs, designs, names of artists, and names of architects whenever feasible. (Ord. 5630-NS § 1 (part), 1985.


Recognizing that professional expertise is necessary and desirable in artistic matters, such as the selection of artists for a project, the selection of particular works of art, and the approval of designs and plans for works of art under the visual art in public places program, it is a policy that:

A. Decisions on artistic matters will be made by a visual arts panel;

B. The City Council will not exercise its independent judgment on artistic matters;

C. The City Council will refer questions, suggestions, requests, complaints and similar items pertaining to visual art in public places to the Civic Arts Commission for review and response. (Ord. 5630-NS § 1 (part), 1985)

(Berkeley 6-30-85)
1991 City Ordinance on the Civic Arts Commission

Chapter 3.12

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION

Sections:

3.12.030 Liaison representatives to other city entities.
3.12.040 Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.
3.12.050 Reserved.
3.12.060 Duties and functions.

Section 3.12.010 Established—Membership—Appointment.

A. Civic Arts Commission is established. The commission shall consist of nine members. Appointments to the commission shall be made by councilmembers, and vacancies on the commission shall be filled by councilmembers in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.04.030 through 2.04.130 of this code enacted as Ordinance No. 4780-NS by the voters of the City. (Ord. 6032-NS § 1, 1991: Ord. 5253-NS § 1 (part), 1980)

Section 3.12.020 Appointment automatically terminated when—Procedures.

A. The appointment of any member of the commission who has been absent from three consecutive regular meetings shall automatically terminate as hereinafter set forth.

B. The secretary of the commission shall report the attendance record of each member of the commission to the City Clerk at the end of each six-month period, the first report to be made in July, 1980.

C. The appointment of any member who was absent from three consecutive regular meetings, as shown on the report shall be terminated on the date the report is filed with the City Clerk.

D. The City Clerk shall notify any member whose appointment has automatically terminated and report to the appointing City Councilmember that a vacancy exists on the commission and that an appointment should be made for the unexpired term. (Ord. 5880-NS § 1, 1988: Ord. 5253-NS § 1 (part), 1980)
Section 3.12.030  Liaison representatives to other City entities.

Subject to the approval of the council in each case, the commission may designate one of its members to act as a liaison representative to any other board, commission or committee of the City. The functions of such liaison representatives are:

A. To attend the meetings of such other board, commission or committee;

B. Advise this commission on the background, attitudes, and reasons behind the actions of such other board, commission or committee; and

C. On request of any member of such other board, commission, or committee, to advise such other board, commission or committee of policy, procedures and decisions of this commission that may bear upon matters under discussion by such other board, commission or committee. Such liaison representative shall have no power to vote. (Ord. 5253-NS § 1 (part), 1980)

Section 3.12.040  Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.

A. The commission shall organize by electing from its members one president, one vice-president and such other officers as may be necessary, who shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected unless their terms as members of the commission sooner expire. An officer or employee of the City designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary of the commission.

B. The commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting and shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. Special meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the commission upon written notice being delivered personally or received by each member at least twenty-four hours prior to each meeting.

C. The commission may make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures which are not inconsistent with this chapter or any other applicable ordinance of the City.

D. A majority of the members appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members is required to take any action. The City Manager shall appoint a staff liaison to the commission.

E. The commission shall keep an accurate record of its proceedings and transactions and shall submit an annual report to the City Council with a copy to the City Manager. (Ord. 5880-NS § 1, 1988: Ord. 5366-NS § 1, 1981: Ord. 5253-NS § 1 (part), 1980)

Section 3.12.050  Reserved.

Section 3.12.060  Duties and functions.

A. Encourage programs for the cultural enrichment of the City and help make City resources available to cultural groups.

B. Provide assistance to groups and individuals wishing to sponsor neighborhood events, such as block parties, small business celebrations, and community holidays.
C. Provide support for art groups in their search for funding from county, state, federal and private sources and pursue projects which would provide funding for the arts.

D. Coordinate and strengthen existing organizations in the arts and develop cooperation with regional organizations.

E. Develop ongoing data on the economic impact of the arts on the community.

F. Review and make recommendations upon all works of art to be acquired by the City, either by purchase, gift, or otherwise, and exterior works of art installed in the civic center district which are visible to the public.

G. Encourage the beautification of the City.

H. Advise the council on all matters affecting the beauty and culture of the City.

I. Render advice and assistance in the fields of art, esthetics and beautification to other City boards and commissions.

J. Develop guidelines and procedures to be submitted to the City Council for approval for a visual arts in public places program.

K. Appoint a temporary subcommittee known as the visual arts panel, consisting of four commission members to carry out the visual arts in public places programs.

L. Report to the council the final action of each visual arts panel in selecting and installing each art in public places project.

M. Provide recognition and increased opportunities for artists through art in public places project and maintain an inventory of meritorious works of art in the public view.

N. Provide assistance to local artists and private property owners on matters relating to installation of works of art on private property in the public view.

O. Advise the council on all matters pertaining to the quality, quantity, scope, and style of art in public places.

P. Develop recommendations for distribution of City arts funding in accordance with established criteria. (Ord. 5880-NS §§ 1, 2, 1988: Ord. 5631-NS § 1, 1985: Ord. 5253-NS § 1 (part), 1980)

(Berkeley 6-30-91)
RESOLUTION NO. 60,048-N.S.

ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, INCLUDING ART DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the cultivation and development of a livable community is enhanced by the presence of works of art and creative expression available for the enjoyment of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5603-N.S., Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 6.14, to promote the cultivation and creation of works of visual art in public places; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5253-N.S., Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.12, establishing the Civic Arts Commission, and charged it with a variety of duties related to fostering programs for the cultural enrichment of the City; and

WHEREAS, the development of the physical infrastructure of the City provides numerous opportunities for creative expression by integrating artistic features into said infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, developing works of art in conjunction with City construction projects can contribute elements of beauty and creativity to all neighborhoods of the City; and

WHEREAS, a successful City-wide program to foster the development of works of art requires the collaboration of various City departments which are commonly involved in the construction of public improvements, the City Manager, the Civic Arts Commission and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, in those circumstances in which it is not feasible to incorporate artistic features into a particular public improvement, the public interest will be served by allocating sufficient funding to develop works of art separate from the public improvement; and

WHEREAS, the terms of this Resolution should be applied in a manner consistent with the requirements of Chapters 3.12 and 6.14 of the Berkeley Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

“Administrative Costs” shall mean the expenditures necessary for implementation of the requirements of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, project management, soliciting proposals, public education, promotion, maintenance and risk management.

“Annual City Public Art Plan” shall mean the annual planning document which sets forth goals and objectives for development of works of art, including, art developed in conjunction with City construction projects during that Fiscal Year and any expenditures from the City’s Public Art Fund.
“Artist” shall mean a person who has completed works of art which meet contemporary artistic standards prevailing in major metropolitan areas.

“City Manager” shall mean the City Manager or his, or her, designee.

“Eligible Capital Project” shall mean any improvement to public property which the City Manager has approved for application of the requirements of this Resolution. This term shall not be interpreted to include any improvement for which the source of funding, or any applicable law or regulation, prohibits or restricts the use of funds for the purposes of this Resolution.

“Public Art Element” shall mean that component, feature, characteristic, or portion of a public improvement incorporated for artistic purposes.

“Public Art Fund” shall mean the budget account established by the City for receipt of funds derived from Eligible Capital Projects which may be expended for the purpose of incorporating artistic elements into public improvements or acquiring, creating, installing, presenting or displaying Off-Site Works of Art.

“Project Budget” shall mean the costs attributable to constructing a public improvement subject to the terms of this Resolution, including, construction, hazardous materials abatement, and procurement of goods intended for incorporation into the improvement. Project Budget shall not be interpreted to include costs associated with land use planning consultants, feasibility studies, environmental review, land acquisition costs, legal fees, architecture/engineering costs, construction management, geotechnical surveys, and historical surveys.

“Off-Site Work of Art” shall mean Works of Art as defined in Chapter 6.14 of the Berkeley Municipal Code which are acquired, created, installed, presented or displayed at a location other than the site of the Eligible Capital Project from which funds were derived under Section III of this Resolution.

Section 2. ANNUAL PLANNING

A. As part of the City’s budget process, the City Manager shall submit to the Civic Arts Commission a report identifying all public improvements which satisfy both of the following criteria:

1. expenditures will be made from the Project Budget during the following budget cycle, and

2. designation as an Eligible Capital Project would not result in detriment to the project.

B. Pursuant to Chapter 6.14 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, the Civic Arts Commission shall thereafter assign a different rank to each public improvement identified pursuant to Section A above based on the potential benefits to the community of designating the improvement as an Eligible Capital Project.

C. Pursuant to Chapter 6.14 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, the Civic Art Commission shall issue to the City Manager an Annual City Public Art Plan presenting its recommendations: 1) for public improvement projects which should be designated as Eligible Capital Projects, and 2) any expenditures from the Public Art Fund for the acquisition, creation, installation, presentation or display of Off-Site Works of Art during that Fiscal Year. The Annual City Public Art Plan shall include an explanation of the benefits and detriments, if any, associated with each proposal.
Section 3.  FUNDING

A. A sum equal to one percent (1%) of the Project Budget for each Eligible Capital Project shall be transferred to the Public Art Fund and utilized solely to develop and install a work of art integrated into the completed improvement, regardless of whether it contributes to the purpose and function of the improvement, including, but not limited to, color, shape, design, texture, general appearance, or decoration which is designed and constructed integrally with the public improvement itself.

B. In addition to the amount specified in Section III(A), above, a sum equal to one half percent (0.5%) of the Project Budget for each Eligible Capital Project shall be transferred to the Public Art Fund and utilized solely for Administrative Costs.

C. Funds designated for the Public Art Fund shall be transferred not later than the date on which funds for the Project Budget have been encumbered.

D. In the event that the final cost of designing and constructing the Public Art Element is less than one and one half percent (1.5%) of the Project Budget, the unused funds will be retained in the Public Art Fund and utilized for the creation of Off-Site Works of Art.

E. In the event that the Eligible Capital Project will result in a public improvement which is inaccessible to the public, such as an underground structure, or for which it is not feasible to incorporate the Public Art Element, the funds designated for the Public Art Element shall be transferred to the Public Art Fund and may be used for the creation of Off-Site Works of Art.

Section 4.  MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC ART ELEMENT

The City Manager is authorized to manage the development and implementation of the Public Art Element in accordance with Chapter 6.14 of the Berkeley Municipal Code governing Visual Art in Public Places. The City Manager may use any reasonably efficient means and methods to design a Public Art Element, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Retain an artist to design the Public Art Element independently of the architects/engineers who are responsible for designing the public improvement.

B. Require as part of the selection process that the architects/engineers who are responsible for designing the public improvement retain an artist as a functioning member of the design team to design the Public Art Element concurrently with the design of the public improvement.

C. Require as part of the competitive solicitation process that the contractor responsible for building the public improvement retain an artist to design the Public Art Element.

Section 5.  PUBLIC ART FUND

A. The City Manager shall establish budget accounts to receive funds transferred pursuant to Sections III (A) and (B), above. Monies in the Public Art Fund, if not expended in any particular Fiscal Year, shall be carried over to the next Fiscal Year, unless the source of the funds, or applicable laws or regulations, prohibit such action. Generally accepted accounting principles will be utilized to ensure that the funds are utilized in a manner consistent with this Resolution.

B. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the City from soliciting and receiving grants, donations, bequests, or gifts from any source, public or private, for deposit in the Public Art Fund to be expended in a manner consistent with this Resolution.
C. Monies in the Public Art Fund shall not be expended for the purposes of awarding grants to artists or arts organizations under City Council Resolution No. 55,832-N.S.

**Section 6. OFF-SITE WORKS OF ART**

A. Pursuant to Section 3.12.060(F) of the Berkeley Municipal Code, the Civic Arts Commission shall review and make recommendations for expenditures from the Public Art Fund for the acquisition, creation, installation, presentation or display of Off-Site Works of Art.

B. The City Manager shall manage the acquisition, creation, installation, presentation and display of Off-Site Works of Art.

**Section 7. GRANTS**

All City departments shall include in any application for grant funds for an Eligible Capital Project an amount sufficient for the Public Art Element, unless said inclusion would be detrimental to the City.

**Section 8. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

It is the intent of the City Council to allow the City Manager flexibility in attaining the goals of this Resolution; therefore, the City Manager is authorized to establish rules and regulations consistent with the intent of this Resolution and the Berkeley Municipal Code for the purposes of implementing this Resolution.

**Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall become effective June 1, 1999.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on May 25, 1999 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Armstrong, Breland, Maio, Olds, Shirek, Spring, Woolley, Worthington and Mayor Dean.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Attest: Shirley Dean, Mayor, Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk.
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Guidelines for Public Art for the City of Berkeley Public Art Program, developed by Civic Arts Staff in cooperation with the Civic Arts Commission and the Public Art Committee. The following guidelines are meant to support, not override, legislation and staff responsibilities.

A. MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Berkeley Public Art Program will enliven and beautify the City’s environment. The program will encourage and promote awareness of the City’s rich ethnic, social, and cultural diversity as expressed through visual and design arts. The Public Art Program will enhance the visual environment for the citizens of Berkeley, integrate the design work of artists into the development of City public works projects, and promote tourism and economic vitality of the City through the enhancement of public spaces.

B. PERCENT FOR ART PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding for public art shall be generated primarily from capital projects as outlined in the Percent for Art Resolution No. 60,048-N.S. adopted by City Council on June 1, 1999, which reads as follows.

SECTION III FUNDING

A. A sum equal to one percent (1%) of the project budget for each Eligible Capital Project shall be transferred to the Public Art Fund and utilized solely to develop and install a work of art integrated into the completed improvement, regardless of whether it contributes to the purpose and function of the improvement, including, but not limited to, color, shape, design, texture, general appearance, or decoration which is designed and constructed integrally with the public improvement itself.

B. In addition to the amount specified in Section III. (A), above, a sum equal to one half percent (0.5%) of the project budget for each Eligible Capital Project shall be transferred to the Public Art Fund and utilized solely for administrative costs.

C. Funds designated for the Public Art Fund shall be transferred no later than the date on which funds for the Project Budget have been encumbered.
D. In the event that the final cost of designing and constructing the Public Art Element is less than one and one half percent (1.5%) of the project budget, the unused funds will be retained in the Public Art Fund and utilized for the creation of other works of art.

E. In the event that the eligible capital project should result in a public improvement which is inaccessible to the public, such as an underground structure, or for which it is not feasible to incorporate the public art element, the funds designated for the public art element shall be transferred to the Public Art Fund and may be used for the creation of off-site works of art.

1. **Funding Aggregations**

Use of public art money depends on the funding source and the site. Certain capital improvement funding may require that public art money be restricted for use at a specific project site, or the Public Art Annual Plan may designate such a restriction. Other funds may be “pooled” and allocated for a work of art “off-site”. “Pooling” allows for small amounts to be aggregated toward one viable project.

Funds deemed not necessary or appropriate for public art at a project site by the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission and the Capital Improvement Project Manager(s), may be pooled and expended on other projects approved under the Public Art Annual Plan when such funds are eligible to be so used.

2. **Method Of Calculation**

The minimum amount to be appropriated to the Public Art Fund shall be the total capital project appropriation, including all construction costs, architectural and engineering fees, and site work expenses, excluding amounts budgeted for real property acquisition, demolition, equipment, facility maintenance and operations, multiplied by 0.015.

3. **Ineligible Uses**

Monies appropriated according to Resolution No. 60,048-N.S. may not be used for the following:

a. Art objects that are mass produced and of standard design, such as playground equipment or fountains.

b. Reproduction, by mechanical or other means, of original works of art, except in cases of film, video, photography, printmaking or other media arts.

c. Those items that contribute to the asset base and normal operating expenses of a resident agency, such as a city museum or gallery, or a private cultural institution.

d. Artwork acquired through third-party owners, such as private collectors or auction houses.
e. Architects’ fees, except in such cases where the public art component significantly changes a project architect’s scope of services.

f. Operating expenses related to the work, including water, electricity or mechanical devices.

C. ANNUAL PUBLIC ART PLAN

In order to successfully implement a city-wide Public Art Program, a collaborative effort must be made by various City departments.

Each fiscal year the Civic Arts Coordinator and representatives from the Civic Arts Commission, the City Manager’s Office, Planning and Development, the Office of Economic Development, Parks and Marina and Public Works shall meet to identify appropriate capital projects. The Civic Arts Coordinator and the Public Art Committee of the Civic Arts Commission shall use this information to write an Annual Public Art Plan. The Annual Plan shall identify eligible capital improvement budgets and projects, determine funding and select sites. “Pooling” of small, non-site-specific funding sources shall be a part of this process. Site-specific and city-wide projects shall be determined. A consultant with expertise in master plan development and public art may facilitate this process. The Annual Public Art Plan shall be presented by staff to the Civic Arts Commission for approval and then forwarded to the City Council for their information.

D. ADMINISTRATION

1. Berkeley City Council

   The Berkeley City Council shall:

   Approve acceptance of gifts of artwork to the City valued at $1,000 or more, and approve loans of City-owned artwork to other organizations or institutions.

2. Berkeley Redevelopment Agency

   The Berkeley Redevelopment Agency shall:

   a. Review and approve Public Art Program Policies and Procedures as they may relate to Agency Policies.

   b. Assist in the coordination of public art projects on Agency properties.

3. Civic Arts Commission

   The Civic Arts Commission and the Civic Arts Coordinator shall administer the Public Art Program and shall be responsible for reporting Public Art Program activities to the Berkeley City Council and Redevelopment Agency. The Commission shall:

   a. Recommend Public Art Program policies and procedures to the City Council.
b. Make all aesthetic decisions as outlined in the 1985 Visual Art/Public Art Ordinance, including final selection of public art sites and artwork.

c. Approve the Annual Public Art Plan and submit it to the City Council and/or Agency for information.

d. Approve loans of artwork to the City.

e. Review and recommend to the City Council the acceptance or rejection of all proposed gifts of artwork to the City valued at $1,000 or more, approve gifts of artwork valued under $1,000, and make recommendations for the lending of City-owned artwork to other organizations or institutions.

f. Revise Public Art Program policies and procedures as necessary.

g. Review and recommend extensions of time for temporary projects.

4. Public Art Committee of the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission

The Public Art Committee (PAC) shall be comprised of four members of the Civic Arts Commission as stated in the 1985 Ordinance. The commission shall strive for ethnic, social, and professional diversity in the PAC’s membership. Members of the PAC will be selected for their expertise in public art, urban design and community participation.

The Public Art Committee shall:

a. Recommend program policies and procedures to the Civic Arts Commission.

b. Recommend public art projects and budgets, in the form of an Annual Public Art Plan, to the Civic Arts Commission.

c. Review for acceptance or rejection, proposals for public art acquisitions, as recommended by selection panels, and forward a recommendation for acceptance or rejection to the Civic Arts Commission.

d. Review and recommend to the Civic Arts Commission the acceptance or rejection of all proposed gifts or loans of artwork to the City, and make recommendations for the lending of City-owned artwork to other organizations or institutions.

e. Serve as community liaisons and provide advocacy for the Public Art Program and its activities.

f. Select its Chairperson for the same term as the Chair of the Commission.
5. **The Public Art Advisory Committee**

For certain projects, staff and/or the Public Art Committee may elect to establish a project “advisory” committee. An advisory committee is an ad hoc group which provides the Arts Commission, staff and artists with information regarding policy issues in public art, the physical parameters of the site, the site’s users or audience, the social, historical, or cultural history of the neighborhood where the artwork will occur, and other types of information that may assist the Arts Commission in public art decisions.

A Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) shall augment the four-person Public Art Committee by providing professional advice. This will allow a greater area of expertise to assist the Arts Commission in its selections and policy decisions. The PAAC can choose to sit with and advise the Public Art Committee. The PAAC can also choose to meet quarterly and serve to help settle issues in the public art process. Staff and/or the Public Art Committee shall recommend putting such a panel in place according to the complexity of the projects and sites, with people whose expertise is relevant to the specific project. The Public Art Advisory Committee will not have a vote but its recommendations shall be taken into consideration by the Public Art Committee.

The Advisory Committee is not limited to, but may consist of one or more of the following persons:

i. The design architect. When the project calls for an artist or artists to participate on a design team, the project architect may be asked to serve as a voting member of the selection panel as well.

ii. The project manager or designee from the City department collaborating on the project.

6. **Public Art Program Staff**

The Civic Arts Coordinator shall be responsible for the overall management and administration of the public art program and public art projects from inception to completion. The Civic Arts Coordinator’s responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Review, evaluate and allocate the City/Agency Annual Capital Improvement Projects list and identify potential art projects to be implemented in conjunction with projects described therein.

b. Review other planned or existing City/Agency projects to determine other appropriate public art project opportunities.

c. Prepare the Annual Public Art Plan with the Public Art Committee.

d. With assistance from the PAC, develop project parameters, budgets, and schedules for each adopted project.

e. Develop and implement an artist recruitment plan, including writing and disseminating Requests For Proposals/Qualifications or Calls for Artists, and identify appropriate methods for the artist selection process.
f. For selection processes involving a selection panel, identify and recommend to the PAC qualified panelists.

g. Assemble Public Art Advisory Committee members as appropriate.

h. Review artists’ application materials and pre-screen the applicant pool to select a slate of qualified candidates for review by the selection panel.

i. Prepare artists’ materials for presentation to the panel.

j. Schedule, facilitate, and oversee the artist selection process.

k. Submit panel’s recommendations to the PAC and Civic Arts Commission.

l. Solicit review, comments, and/or approvals for works of art from appropriate City departments, relative to safety and maintenance, and if required, for resolution.

m. Convene and facilitate any public meetings related to the project.

n. Negotiate and administer contracts; review and approve general contractor bid documents as they pertain to the implementation of the public art project.

o. Collaborate with other city departments to coordinate the roles and responsibilities of the artist, architect, engineer, general contractor, and other professionals involved in the project.

p. Prepare and distribute press and publicity materials related to the Public Art Program.

q. Prepare and maintain project files.

r. Prepare grant requests from outside funding sources, as appropriate.

s. Review the Public Art collection to evaluate and make recommendations for maintenance or conservation needs.

t. Solicit funds from foundations, corporations, public agencies, and other appropriate sources.

7. City Departments/Client Agencies

All City agencies and departments collaborating on public art projects with the Civic Arts Commission and the Civic Arts Coordinator shall:

a. Deposit public art allocations in the City’s Public Art Fund.
b. Provide information to the Civic Arts Coordinator, which identifies existing or planned sites under the Department’s jurisdiction which may be appropriate for public art projects.

c. Include the cost of architectural services related to the coordination and implementation of the Public Art Program in the total construction budget. Incorporate into bid packages and contracts, language describing the architect’s scope of services relative to the public art project.

d. Direct the project architect to work within the intent of the program as described in the Percent for Art Resolution and in these guidelines.

e. Assist staff in the development and implementation of public art projects.

f. Inform staff of the relationship of any advisory groups, neighborhood groups, or other groups which may be impacted by or be interested in the development of a public art project.

g. Inform staff of any proposed or planned project involving construction, renovation, or further development of a site or facility soon enough to allow for adequate review of the project’s potential for incorporation of artwork, and for planning of an appropriate artwork project or design team effort.

h. Advise staff of any municipal, division, or departmental ordinances, resolutions, or regulations, which may affect or be affected by proposed public art projects.

i. Inform staff of planning projects for neighborhood improvement, redevelopment area projects, private or public planning studies and/or long-range policy recommendations, which have the potential to incorporate public art.

8. Consultants

Consultants may be needed to advise and/or assist the Commission with specific projects. Consultant/Project Manager fees may be taken out of the .5% described in Section B, and as a general rule the fee shall range from 10-15% of the cost of the artwork. The consultant shall report to the Civic Arts Coordinator who shall keep the Arts Commission apprised of the work involved.

9. Selection Panel

Selection panels are ad-hoc, assembled for specific projects, to assist the Public Art Program in identifying qualified artists for a project. The number of panelists and the composition of the panel appointed for projects depend upon the size, location, and complexity of each project. Selection panels should be assembled with racial, cultural and gender diversity as a guide. The panel composition shall comply with the 1985 City Ordinance on Visual Art/Public Art and may include:
a. Three consultants. A qualified consultant means a professional visual artist, educator, scholar, historian, collector, environmental designer, or planner, whose authorities and skills are known and respected in the community and, whenever feasible, who has demonstrated an interest in, and has participated in, the arts of the city. {Ord. 5630-NS1 {part}. 1985}

And when appropriate:

b. A representative of the neighborhood
c. A representative of the Civic Arts Commission
d. A representative of other City boards and Commissions
e. A project architect
f. Nonvoting Advisory Members

E. ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC ARTWORK

1. Criteria For The Acquisition Of Artwork

Criteria to be used in the acquisition of public artwork or design elements shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Artistic Quality: Excellence of the artworks’ craftsmanship, originality and appropriateness of concept, and integrity of materials used.

b. Media: All forms of media shall be considered. Works may be portable, permanently affixed, or incorporated in the design and/or function of a public space. Temporary exhibits and installations may also be considered for commissions except when excluded by funding source with specific restrictions.

c. Permanence: For permanent works of art or design elements, due consideration shall be given to the work’s structural soundness, surface integrity, and to inherent resistance to theft, vandalism, weathering, public safety, and maintenance or repair costs, sufficient to endure 30 years.

d. Public Safety: All works of art, design elements, or temporary installations shall be evaluated to ensure their compliance with public safety requirements.

e. Diversity: The Public Art Program recognizes the cultural, ethnic, and social diversity of the Berkeley population, as well as that of the greater Bay Area, and shall incorporate diversity in every aspect of the program. Means by which the Program may realize the goal of cultural and aesthetic diversity shall include, but is not limited to:

(i) Artist ethnicity,

(ii) Geographic distribution throughout Berkeley,
(iii) Style, scale and media,
(iv) Community participation in the public art process, and
(v) Experimental and traditional forms of art.

2. Compatibility

Before a proposal for a public art project is given final approval, it shall be evaluated for its compatibility relative to:

a. Visibility and public access.

b. Public safety.

c. Traffic patterns.

d. The relationship of the proposed public art project to the site’s existing or future architectural features, its natural features, its historical, geographic and social/cultural context.

e. The function and uses of the facility or site.

f. The nature of the site’s surrounding neighborhood and potential impact of the public art project on residents, businesses, existing works of art or design elements within the site’s vicinity.

g. Future development plans for the area which may affect the public art project.

h. The feasibility of the budget and material list relative to the available funding.

F. SELECTION OF ARTISTS

Selecting the artist, whether to create a discrete artwork or to participate in a design or community collaboration, is the single most important decision in the public art process. Special care must be taken in all aspects of selecting the artist in order to ensure the best possible public art project, taking into account the goals of the project, the community served, the nature of the site, and the other members of the design team.

1. Methods Of Selection

Artists (or artwork) may be selected for public art projects by one of the following methods:

a. Direct selection: artist(s) or completed artwork(s) chosen directly by the Public Art Committee or by a Selection Panel.
b. Invitational selection: a limited number of artists are invited to submit propos-
als, a completed art work, or otherwise participate in a public art project selec-
tion process.

The Public Art Program may utilize direct recruitment methods to solicit quali-
fi ed artists for a project by means of direct mailings of the RFQ/RFP, or through
phone contact with artists, arts organizations, galleries or other sources.

c. Open competition: any professional artist is eligible to participate, subject
to limitations established by the Public Art Committee in a Call for Artists.

For competitive projects described in b and c above, staff shall develop a Request
for Qualifications (“RFQ”), a Request for Proposals (“RFP), or a Call for Artists.

(i) A description of the project, including its goals; work scope, including
the site’s physical description; potential approaches to the project; and
any physical or legal restrictions which may apply to the project.

(ii) Application procedures, including materials requested, eligibility
and timelines.

(iii) Selection procedures (if appropriate).

(iv) Criteria for the selection of artist(s) and artwork(s).

(v) Project budget.

2. Artist Selection Procedures

a. Screening

Public Art staff may screen applications, and evaluate them relative to the minimum
candidate criteria and qualifications outlined in the RFQ/ RFP/ Call for Artists. Staff
shall then present the slate of qualified candidates to the selection panel. Along with the
candidates recommended for review, the panel will receive a list of all project appli-
cants.

b. Selection Panel

Staff shall develop a list of qualified panelists. The panelist’s list shall be reviewed and
approved by the PAC.

Public Art Program staff shall recommend panelists for each project and shall submit
these recommendations to the PAC for approval. Selection of panelists by the PAC
shall be made based on the following: experience in implementing or administerring
public art projects; knowledge of current trends, interest in working with Berkeley’s
multi-cultural community; ability to assess the creativity, design skills, and problem-
solving abilities of artists under review; knowledge of materials and methods of fabric-
ation used in public art projects and an ability to assess their appropriateness to a particular site; ability to represent a particular neighborhood or area of Berkeley in which the artwork will be sited; and ability to work cooperatively and effectively in a panel process.

The Selection Panel reviews proposals submitted by artists and makes recommendations to the Public Art Committee.

c. Public Art Advisory Committees

Advisory Committee members shall be identified through existing community organizations and by referrals from other agencies, public or private. Members should have public art expertise and be familiar with the neighborhood in which the art project will occur. The Advisory Committee shall provide the Arts Commission with useful information in the development of Public Art projects. Decisions or questions by the Public Art Committee can be brought to the Public Art Advisory Committee for clarification and decision making advice. One or more Advisory Committee members may serve on the selection panel if requested by the PAC to do so.

3. Artist Eligibility Criteria

Specific eligibility requirements will be established at the initiation of each project and will be described on the RFQ/RFP. In general:

a. Artists shall be considered for commission on the basis of their qualifications, as demonstrated by past work, relevant experience, the appropriateness of a specific proposal to the project goals, and the likelihood that the artist can successfully complete the project.

b. Excluded from consideration are works of art or proposals submitted by the project architect and/or members of the design team, and artists who are members of or immediate family of the Public Art Program staff, the PAC, Commission, or the City Council.

4. Artist Selection Criteria

The Panelists shall select artists based on the appropriateness of their proposal to the particular project and the probability of its successful completion, as indicated by the artist’s past work or by his/her ability to work within the funding framework to ensure successful completion of the project. In evaluating proposals for public art projects, panelists shall consider criteria in Section E.1 above and:

a. An evaluation of the artist’s proposed budget and the artist’s ability to successfully complete the project within the proposed budget.

b. An analysis of the artist’s proposed method of installation of the artwork and an evaluation of safety and structural factors involved in the installation.
5. **Selection Process**

   a. All meetings of selection panels shall be open to the public and will be publicly noticed.

   b. Staff shall issue written instructions to panelists detailing the duties and responsibilities related to the project before the first panel meeting.

   c. The Panel shall review credentials, proposals, and/or materials submitted by artists.

   d. The Panel shall recommend to the Public Art Committee an artist or artists to be commissioned for the project; to develop design proposals for the project, or whose existing work is to be selected for the project. In the case when an artist or artists have been asked to prepare a specific design proposal, the Panel shall reconvene to review the proposal.

   e. A vote shall be taken, with the majority carrying the decision. Panelists shall each have one vote.

   f. The Panel shall have the option of making no selection. In that event, the PAC shall determine whether to initiate a new selection process, revise the project, or abandon the project.

   g. The Panel’s decision shall be recorded by Public Art staff in the form of a written record to the Public Art Committee.

   h. The PAC shall forward a recommendation to the Civic Arts Commission. The Commission shall review and approve or reject the PAC’s recommendation.

   i. If the Commission approves the PAC’s recommendation and the dollar amount exceeds staff’s approval of authority, the Commission shall forward the proposed contract recommendation to the City Council for acceptance. Otherwise, the Civic Arts Commission’s selection is final.

   j. If the Commission rejects the PAC’s recommendation, it shall provide a report to the PAC with the reasons for the rejection. The PAC shall then determine whether to 1) revise or modify the project; 2) initiate a new review and selection process; or 3) abandon the project.

6. **Conflict of Interest**

   a. Any artist selected to serve on the Selection Panel is precluded from having his/her work considered for inclusion in any Percent for Art Project during the term of service.

   b. Persons who would directly benefit from the selection of a particular artist or artworks are ineligible as panelists (gallery owners, brokers, artists’ representatives, etc.).
c. A member of the Arts Commission is not eligible for city public art commissions. Members of the project architect’s firm are not eligible for consideration as artists.

d. An artist who is currently under consideration for selection for another Civic Arts Commission public art project (i.e. is an applicant or finalist), may not serve as a panelist.

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is a crucial element of any public art program. As a city whose residents pride themselves on their commitment to local affairs, Berkeley makes public participation an important and creative part of its public art program. Public participation can be achieved in a variety of ways—from lectures and workshops that encourage public awareness of the public art program to the involvement of interested residents in the actual planning, design, installation and maintenance of public art projects. Public Art program staff and the PAC shall outline approaches for public participation for each project. Public participation in the public art program shall include, but not be limited to, the strategies listed below.

1. Education and Outreach

In order to stimulate and encourage public awareness of the arts, the Civic Arts Commission will initiate events and activities designed to provide a greater understanding of public art. These may include:

a. Conferences, symposia, workshops, artist’s lectures, presentations, community meetings, and public art tours.

b. Development of cooperative programs with educational and arts institutions and community organizations.

c. Regular distribution of promotional and publicity packets, including press releases and public service announcements.

2. Community Representation

Community representatives may be appointed to serve on selection panels for public art projects, and on Public Art Advisory Committees, when such committees are warranted.

3. Creative Interactions Between Artists and Community

Involvement of community representatives may include participation in the planning, design and installation of public art projects. Staff shall facilitate creative collaborations between project artists and organizations that represent community stakeholders and have expressed interest in public art collaboration. These organizations might include, but not be limited to, community organizations, educational institutions, arts organizations, and nonprofit agencies.
H. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

1. Inter-Agency Procedures

a. The Civic Arts Coordinator shall negotiate the contract with the artist and with other consultants as necessary for the purchase or design, fabrication, installation of and payment for the artwork.

b. Installation of artwork shall be coordinated between Public Art Program staff and the appropriate City official(s) within the Department having jurisdiction over the site or construction.

c. Unless otherwise agreed, routine maintenance of the artwork shall be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works. Routine maintenance shall include such tasks as dusting, sweeping, and other such activities. Extraordinary maintenance and/or conservation of the artwork shall be the responsibility of the Civic Arts Coordinator and Commission. No other City Agency or Department shall be responsible for the conservation of artwork, and no conservation or repair work shall be performed without the prior written approval of the Civic Arts Commission.

d. Public Art program staff, in consultation with other City agencies, shall develop an annual maintenance schedule for the public art collection and, shall determine appropriate budgets and procedures for the care and maintenance of the collection.

2. Project Files And Records

Public Art Program staff shall maintain a registry of all City public art that is owned borrowed and loaned, including title, artist, value, location, date of purchase, installation, loan, receipt, deinstallation, and other relevant information. Staff shall also maintain records of each project, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Contract(s) with the artist(s) and consultants participating in the project.

b. Records of City Council, Commission, PAC and Public Art Advisory Committee actions bearing on the project.

c. Interdepartmental agreements relating to the siting or implementation of the project.

d. Correspondence, announcements, memoranda, press clippings and publicity information relating to the project.

e. Records of all billings made in connection with the project.

f. All proposals submitted and other visual or written materials relating to the artist’s design or method of execution as they are submitted or become available.
3. **Artist Fee Policy**

The following guidelines for fee structures are based on professional standards established by the public art field, and on the fees paid to other design professionals in the related fields of architecture and landscape architecture. The following should be seen as guidelines only.

In general, the Commission shall consider the following factors in determining the artist fees awarded for each project.

   a. The scope of work and degree of artist involvement.
   
   b. The project budget.
   
   c. The artist’s experience and professional standing.
   
   d. The fee scale for similar scopes of work on comparable projects.

I. **GIFTS AND LOANS**

The Gifts and Loans Policy provides a process for the review of proposed gifts and loans of artwork or other artistic objects to the City of Berkeley, and for the placement, care, and preservation of artwork acquired through this process.

1. **Conditions Governing the Donation of Artwork to the City of Berkeley**

Potential donors of artwork shall submit information to the Public Art program staff. Staff shall review the materials and if the information is complete, will forward it to the Public Art Committee for review. The PAC shall determine the feasibility of the proposed donation and shall forward a recommendation to the Civic Arts Commission for review. If the Commission recommends acceptance of the proposed artwork, a recommendation shall be made to the City Council or Redevelopment Agency for final approval and acceptance of artwork valued at $1,000 or more. If valued under $1,000, the Commission’s determination is final.

2. **Materials to be Submitted by Donor**

   Materials may include but are not limited to:

   a. Photographs and/or slides of the work of art that depict it from all sides.
   
   b. A written description of the artwork, including dimensions (height, width, depth and weight), materials used, and any frames, backings, mounts or anchoring systems to be used in the installation of the artwork.
   
   c. A site plan that identifies and describes the proposed site for the artwork and that accurately depicts the artwork in relationship to the surrounding environment.
d. A written description and/or drawing of the proposed method of installation and a schedule for the transportation and installation of the artwork.

e. Estimated costs for transporting and installing the artwork (to be done at donor’s expense, unless otherwise agreed to by the City).

f. Written authorization from the City agency with jurisdiction over the site, approving the installation of the artwork.

3. **Conditions of Acceptance**

The Public Art Committee and the Civic Arts Commission encourage unrestricted gifts to the City of Berkeley. Any conditions or restrictions attached to a gift or loan must be presented to the Public Art Committee, the Civic Arts Commission, and City Council if valued at $1,000 or more, for approval.

4. **Conditions Governing the Exhibition of Loaned Artwork on City Property**

Persons or organizations requesting to temporarily exhibit a work of art in or on City-owned property must submit the following:

a. Photographs and/or slides of the work(s) of art to be exhibited.

b. A description of the location where the artwork will be exhibited and a written authorization from the City agency with jurisdiction over the site that approves the proposed loan of the artwork in the location and a time period for the artwork.

c. A written description and/or drawing of the proposed method of installation and a schedule for the transportation, installation, and removal of the artwork.

5. **Lender’s Agreements**

When exhibiting a work of art on City property, the lender must agree in writing to the following:

a. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the City, the lender shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transportation, installation, deinstallation, and insuring of the artwork.

b. Upon removal of the artwork, the lender must return the site to its original condition and remove any debris caused by or resulting from the exhibition of the artwork.
c. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the City, the lender must agree to exhibit the artwork at his/her own risk and to bear the expenses of any losses or damages to the artwork. The lender must agree in writing to hold the City harmless from any and all liabilities and for any damages or losses to the artwork.

d. The lender shall produce and display a descriptive label for display next to or near the loaned artwork.

e. If the artwork becomes damaged, destroyed, or becomes a danger to the public, the lender shall remove the artwork within three days notice from the City.

6. Acceptance of Monetary Gifts for the Acquisition of Artwork

Proposed monetary gifts to the City for the purpose of acquiring artwork shall be referred to the Arts Commission for review and approval. All recommendations on the acceptance or rejection of proposed gifts of money of $1,000 or more shall be referred to the City Council for final approval and acceptance.
CITY OF BERKELEY

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor  Tom Bates  
District 1  Linda Maio  
District 2  Margaret Breland  
District 3  Maudelle Shirek  
District 4  Dona Spring  
District 5  Miriam Hawley  
District 6  Betty Olds  
District 7  Kriss Worthington  
District 8  Gordon Wozniak

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION

The following is a list of Commission members and their respective districts and represented councilmember. To obtain additional contact information, please call the Civic Arts Program Office at (510) 981-7533.

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Hawley  David Snippen (Chair)  
Olds  Sherry Smith  
Worthington  Bonnie Hughes  
Wozniak  Suzy Thompson
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ACCI Gallery (Arts and Crafts Cooperative)
Alameda County Art Commission
Aurora Theatre Company
Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association
UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive
Berkeley Arts Center
Berkeley Arts Festival
Berkeley Broadway Singers
Berkeley City Ballet
Berkeley Community Theater /BUSD
Berkeley Convention & Visitors Bureau
Berkeley Opera
Berkeley Public Library
Berkeley Repertory Theatre
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra
CAL Performances
Cal Shakes
California Shakespeare Festival
Center Stage

Central Works Theater Ensemble
Community Rhythms
Freight and Salvage Coffee House
Habitot Children’s Museum
Jewish Music Festival
John Northmore Roberts and Associates
Judah L. Magnes Museum
Julia Morgan Center for the Arts
Kala Art Institute
La Pena Cultural Center
Luna Kids Dance
Economic Development, City of Berkeley
Resources for Community Development
Shotgun Players
Solano Avenue Association
Speakeasy Theatre
Transparent Theater
Woman’s Will
Young Artists Workspace

The Berkeley Cultural Trust is a volunteer affiliation of the directors of Berkeley nonprofit arts organizations. The BCT meets regularly throughout the year in different cultural sites and provides a forum for discussion and advocacy. The Berkeley Civic Arts Commission and City Staff are invited to participate. For more information about the BCT please contact the Civic Arts Coordinator.