

**CIP
EXPENSE DETAIL**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

3/22/12

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Economic Growth and Redevelopment

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with The Art Guys – John A. Massing and Michael Galbreth, Ken Dawson Little, Anthony Thompson Shumate and Gary Sweeney for artwork for the Ladybird Lake Boardwalk Trail, in an amount not to exceed \$264,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Financial Service Administrative
Project Name:	Boardwalk Trail AIPP
Fund/Department/Unit:	8181 6207 8292
Funding Source:	2010 GO Bonds - P1
Current Appropriation:	350,600.00
Unencumbered Balance:	278,518.00
Amount of This Action:	(264,000.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>14,518.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The City of Austin Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office sought to commission an artist to design and construct The 1.2 mile Boardwalk Trail is being built to complete pedestrian access around Lady Bird Lake. It will be comprised of linear segments over the water, over wetlands and over land, with several trailheads and nodes for gathering and resting. The goal for this public art project is to create a progression of small, conceptually lively artistic interventions that are sited along the length of the Boardwalk Trail with the opportunity of some larger works being installed at trailheads and planned gathering locations. It is desired that the artwork engage the public as sculptural “moments” of conceptual interest, rather than serving as functional items.

The goal of the public art is to to create a curated, cohesive vision for artwork along the Boardwalk Trail incorporating a diversity of artists and voices that are sensitive to the site history, function and natural environment; create durable sculptural artwork “interventions” that will conceptually enliven, engage, and enrich the experience of multiple users throughout the east to west length of the Boardwalk Trail; and aesthetically integrate the works into the trail environment and support the safety and maintenance needs of the larger construction project.