

**CIP
EXPENSE DETAIL**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

March 20, 2014

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Economic Development

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with Animalis Works LLC (1605 Lightsey Road, Austin, TX 78704), in an amount not to exceed \$85,000, for artwork for the Colorado Street Streetscape Enhancement Project in Downtown Austin.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Public Works Department
Project Name:	Colorado Street Streetscape - AIPP
Fund/Department/Unit:	8112-6207-A435
Funding Source:	Certificates of Obligation - 2012 Bonds
Current Appropriation:	110,400.00
Unencumbered Balance:	110,400.00
Amount of This Action:	(85,000.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>25,400.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The City of Austin Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Development Department, sought to commission a professional visual artist to design and create artwork for Phase 1 of the Colorado Streetscape Art in Public Places project in downtown Austin.

The goal of this project was to develop a fresh and innovative approach to design within a restricted environment; consider the diverse community served by the street enhancements, including downtown residents, tourists and the local business community; and consider the unique landscape and history of Colorado Street.

Dharmesh Patel and Autumn Ewalt (Animalis Works LLC) of Austin, TX were awarded the commission and created *Crystalline*, a series of four polished stainless steel sculptures installed along Colorado Street, between Third and Seventh Streets. One sculpture was installed in fall 2013; the remaining three sculptures will be installed in March 2014.

For Phase 2 of the Colorado Streetscape Art in Public Places project, the Art in Public Places Panel chose to direct select Dharmesh Patel and Autumn Ewalt (Animalis Works LLC) to continue their project, *Crystalline* for the