



**Art in Public Places  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/10/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an artwork commission agreement with BARBARA GRYGUTIS, Tucson, AZ, for a sculpture with functional drinking fountain for Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$127,500.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$127,500 is available from the Art in Public Places allocation from the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING** Economic Growth and **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** Redevelopment Services **AUTHORIZATION:** Sue Edwards

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Megan Weiler, AIPP Administrator / 974-9312

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** Approved by the Austin Arts Commission.

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Design team artist, Barbara Grygutis, in collaboration with the Prime Consultant Copley-Wolf, conceived the second phase of the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project (SSD-SIP) public art project.

This contract with Barbara Grygutis represents a commission agreement for a sculptured environment and water feature at the northeast corner sidewalk of Congress Avenue and Second Street. The Springs Project consists of two sculptural environments to include a water feature (drinking fountain) and, possibly, seating areas along alternating blocks of the north sidewalk on Second Street. The theme of The Springs Project focuses on the unique hydrology and geology of the Edwards Aquifer, celebrating one of Austin's greatest resources, our natural springs and water resources. The artist shall work integrally with the SSD-SIP Design Team on the development of an environmental, sculptural artwork or "zone" planned for the streetscape. Final designs will be reviewed and approved by the AIPP Panel and the Arts Commission before proceeding with the fabrication and installation phases.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

A Request for Qualifications was issued nationally in December 2002, to which 43 artists or artist teams responded. The artists' written qualifications were distributed one week before the selection panel meeting. Voting selection panelists were provided with a scoring matrix to assist with evaluation of the candidates. Based upon the written submission, the selection panel was asked to assign scores for: (1) Design team experience, (2) Community experience, (3) Streetscape experience and (4) Materials experience. They were also asked to determine whether or not the artists' had completed a project with an art budget of \$50,000 or more.

On Friday, January 31, 2003, the Selection Panel and Advisors convened. Barbara Grygutis was selected



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as Design Team Artist / Planner by Copley-Wolf, SSD-SIP Prime Consultant from a panel of six finalists.

## CIP FISCAL NOTE

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**  
**WHERE ON AGENDA:**  
**DEPARTMENT:**

3/10/2005  
Resolution  
Austin Water Utility

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Parent Project Name:	Water Unfunded Future
Project Authorization:	FY 2004-05 Approved Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper
Number:	3960 227 1019

Current Appropriation	\$ 200,000.00
Unencumbered Balance	200,000.00 *
Amount of This Action	<u>\$ (127,500.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 72,500.00</u>
 Current Available Balance	 \$ 200,000.00
Less Outstanding Commitments	<u>-</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Balance	<u>\$ 200,000.00 *</u>

Utility Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

  
David Anders, Utilities Finance Manager

Date: 3/2/05

REF. #: 3960 227 7169 2908