



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/10/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an artwork commission agreement with LaMA VENTURES, Dallas, TX, for a sculpture with functional drinking fountains for Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding for these services is available from the Art in Public Places allocation of \$62,000 from the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project ; and \$16,000 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**

This contract with LaMa Ventures represents one of two commission agreements related to the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Public Art Project.

The Springs Project consists of a series 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 selected artists shall work integrally with the SSD-SIP Design Team on the development of an environmental, sculptural artwork or "zone" planned for the streetscape. The artists for each project will be placed under a design contract to begin collaborating with the project consultants and create design proposals for each intersection. Final designs will be reviewed and approved by the AIPP Panel and the Arts Commission before artists may proceed with the fabrication and installation phases.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Texas artists in the AIPP Image Registry and mailing list were notified via postcard and e-mail to submit qualifications by July 31, 2004 (this deadline was extended to August 20, 2004). Artists were also notified of the project through local media and the AIPP web site. The Springs Project was open to artists statewide.

The Selection Panel and Advisors reviewed the qualifications (letters of interest, resumes, images of past work, image lists, references and letters of recommendation) of 12 artists/artist teams. The Selection Panel and Advisors selected 4 finalists for The Springs Project whom they interviewed. The panel unanimously recommended the artist team of Philip Lamb and Susan Magilow for the Springs Project to be located on Block 17.

## CIP FISCAL NOTE

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

3/10/2005  
Resolution  
Austin Water Utility

**DESCRIPTION:**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an artwork commission agreement with LaMA VENTURES, Dallas, TX, for a sculpture with functional drinking fountains for Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.

**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	72,500.00 *
Amount of This Action	<u>\$ (16,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 56,500.00</u>
 Current Available Balance	 \$ 200,000.00
Less Outstanding Commitments	<u>(127,500.00)</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Balance	<u>\$ 72,500.00 *</u>

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

  
David Anders, Utilities Finance Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3/2/05

REF. #: 3960 227 7169 2908

## **CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE**

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

10-Mar-05  
Resolution not required  
Neighborhood Planning and Zoning

Description: Authorize negotiation and execution of an artwork commission agreement with LaMA VENTURES, Dallas, TX, for a sculpture with functional drinking fountains for Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Project Name: Second Street District Streetscape  
Project Authorization: 2004-2005 Amended Capital Budget  
Funding Source: CMTA - 1/4 Cent  
Fund/Agency/Orgn: 8581-257-9106

Total Current Appropriation	\$140,000.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$113,650.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$62,000.00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u>\$51,650.00</u>

Financial Approval:  Date: 3-2-5