

Ames Public Art Commission
2021/2022 Budget Request

The Ames Public Art Commission is requesting the following allocation for the 2021/2022 budget year. There is no increase in expense from the FY2020/2021 budget.

PAC Committees	Budget Amount
Outreach	
Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE)	\$19,500
Art in the Parks	5,000
Neighborhood Sculpture	15,500
Public Art Administration	6,000
Total	\$46,000

Looking Forward to 2021-22

Outreach

The Outreach Committee comprises the greatest portion of the PAC budget request. It has three primary functions: the Art in the Parks program, the Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, and the Neighborhood Sculpture program.

The **Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** sub-committee (AAOSE) has again placed a call for sculptures for the exhibit in downtown Ames. Placement and dedication will take place in late spring of 2021. The 2021-22 budget will incorporate the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the exhibition. The first AAOSE installations occurred in spring of 1996 and the Commission is planning on celebrating the event. We are beginning discussions this year so we can put together a call for submissions for the summer of 2021 that are planned to focus on celebrating this important anniversary. The budget includes honoraria for artists; a best in show award for the work selected by votes from community members at 2 various events including Art Walk, Reiman Arts Festival, and the Octagon Art Festival; and materials in support of the competition.

The **Art in the Parks** project is planned by the Commission so that every three to five years a major installation in our parks is completed. The PAC will begin planning for the next project in 2021 and will be bringing it forward to the Council for consideration. This may be incorporated with the AAOSE project as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the exhibition.

The **Neighborhood Sculpture** sub-committee meets in mid-January to select sculptures from the current AAOSE exhibition for placement out in the community.

The PAC received applications from the community, which the sub-committee is currently prioritizing before making recommendations for placement. We work with City staff and the artists to determine the number and placement of neighborhood art, and plan to place two to four sculptures in the community this spring. The FY21 budgeted funds will allow us to continue this extremely successful program next year. In addition to the cost of the sculptures, the budget includes money for installation and signage. We also plan to incorporate additional sculptures in the South Duff Business District a new neighborhood installation location.

Public Art Administration

The Public Art Administration portion of the budget request includes Collection Management, Public Relations and Operations activities.

Collections Management

Collections Management will use \$2,500 for maintenance to provide upkeep on art already in the collection. Remaining funds will permit the purchase of operational supplies, educational materials, and further development with the city GIS staff management system is for management of the collection and an overall public art access system (see below under Public Relations).

Public Relations

The Public Relations committee is dedicated to promoting the City's public art collection. The requested funding will allow the PAC to publicize public art at the annual downtown Art Walk, the Reiman Gardens Art Festival, and the Octagon Arts Festival. The budgeted funds will provide brochures, signs and voting ballots for use at these events. In addition to these materials, the committee plans to develop with assistance of the City's GIS staff, a mapping system to include pieces from the Neighborhood Sculpture Program as well as the current AAOSE sculpture collection.

Operations expenses include maintenance and repairs on sculptures and outdoor art by City employees.

CARRYOVER FUNDS TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR

At the end of fiscal year 2020/2021, the Public Arts Commission will request that any unspent funds be carried over to the following fiscal year.