

December 3, 2009

Ann Campbell, Mayor, City of Ames
 Members of the City Council, City of Ames
 City of Ames
 515 Clark Avenue
 Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Mayor Campbell & Council Members,

The City of Ames Public Art Commission respectfully requests your consideration and approval of a carryover from our budget for the fiscal year 2009 to be used for initiatives that will be completed in fiscal year 2010. The Commission is seeking carryover funds from the previous budget in the amount of \$10,792.36.

The following is a list of the specific committees and their respective residual funds remaining from the FY'09:

1. Art Around the Corner:	(\$108.50)
2. Art in the Parks (Ada Hayden Park):	\$3,638.69
3. Neighborhood Sculpture:	(\$738.05)
4. Archive & Maintenance:	\$5,500.00
5. Education:	\$2,500.00
6. General Operating Costs:	\$0.22

Total unspent funding:	\$10,792.36
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Additional FY'10 estimated expenses (requested carryover): \$4,626.00

Remaining amount <u>not</u> needed:	\$6,166.36
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Of the funds requested for carry-over, \$3,638.69 was allocated to the Art in the Parks Project, Patrick Dougherty's environmental sculpture *Restless by Nature* that was completed in October 2008. This amounted to a contingency fund which we are fortunate enough not to have needed. However, a portion of those funds were intended for the photographic archiving project being performed by Matthew Coronas. The first phase of this project extended beyond FY09, and so we request \$291 in carryover to cover that cost. We also request the use of \$846.55 of this contingency to cover the modest overrun in the Art Around the Corner program and Neighborhood Sculpture programs. We had a much greater response to the Neighborhood art program, in particular, and were able to place three pieces in Ames neighborhoods as a result.

A large portion of the carry-over funds are related to the Archive & Maintenance program. Most of those funds were intended for the restoration of the large ceramic tile wall at the intersection of Burnett & Main Street. However, following negotiations with the artist and an apparent dissatisfaction with the aesthetic appeal of this piece by an interested contingent of the public, we decided that other options were more viable & cost effective. However, we do request carrying over \$1,835 of this budgeted category to cover the cost of the 2D artwork maintenance at City Hall. This maintenance project was contracted last year, but its start was delayed until this year to reserve funds for the repair of the ceramic tile wall. This year we have additional pieces to review for maintenance. There is a substantial amount of two dimensional art at City Hall, the Airport administration building, and some maintenance on the train wall to be completed in-house (at a cost of approx. \$500-\$1,000) as well as other permanent structures to be considered for repair such as the tile sculpture lights at downtown intersections. The carryover of \$1,835 for our current contract in process would permit use of the FY10 \$3,000 budget for these other purposes.

Finally, carryover of the \$2,500 budget from the Education Committee can allow us, in the current year, to update the popular map of artwork that we produced several years ago. Given the significant number of acquisitions in recent years through the Art in the Parks and Neighborhood Art programs, along with other acquisitions such as the Priscilla Sage pieces in the Ames City Auditorium, the current map is already outdated. Carrying over these funds will allow design & production of a new map along with the current new initiatives funded by the current year's Education Committee budget.

The Commission appreciates our opportunities to submit this request and to serve the City of Ames. We also thank you for your continual support for Ames Public Art. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kawaler, Treasurer
Ames Public Art Commission

Samuel J. Stagg
Chair, Ames Public Art Commission