



# City of Culver City

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## Staff Report

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**CAC: ACTION ITEM - 1) Discuss Potential Revisions to Culver City Municipal Code Section 15.06.100 et seq. Relating to the Art in Public Places Program Allocations; and, 2) Provide Direction to Staff as Appropriate**

**Meeting Date:** March 19, 2024

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**Phone Number:** (310) 253-5772

**Fiscal Impact:** Yes  No

**General Fund:** Yes  No

**Public Hearing:**

**Action Item:**

**Attachments:**

**Public Notification:** (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - Cultural Affairs Commission (03/15/24)

**Department Approval:** Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager (03/14/24)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) 1) discuss potential revisions to Culver City Municipal Code Section 15.06.100 et seq. relating to the Art in Public Places Program allocations; and, 2) provide direction to staff as appropriate.

### **BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION**

Sections 15.06.100 - 15.06.180 of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) outline the requirements of the City's Art in Public Places Program (APPP). The current APPP guidelines include Ordinance 2013-003 adopted by the City Council on March 26, 2013. Fees collected under the APPP are deposited into the Cultural Trust Fund (CTF) and allocations are currently limited in specific categories by percentage of total fees deposited in the prior fiscal year (1% of total building permit valuation for a development project).

Updating the CCMC subchapter pertaining to the Art in Public Places Program is included in the FY 2023-2024 adopted work plan. The CAC Public Art Subcommittee (Chair Brenda Williams and Commissioner Ehsaan Mesghali) and the Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee (Commissioners Tania Fleischer and Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin) have met several times to craft revised language for relevant sections.

At its Regular Meeting on December 19, 2023, the Cultural Affairs Commission reviewed and discussed a lengthy list of proposed revisions and updates to the text and procedures, including administrative and programmatic changes ([See Attachment 1](#)). The CAC expressed a desire to modify the APPP guidelines to ensure that CTF allocations would be used to provide cultural programs that meet current community needs and are economically sustainable. Staff from Cultural Affairs and City Attorney's Office discussed the allocation limitations with CAC, including Culver City's historical use of CTF funds, prior amendments to the APPP ordinance, ways that other cities administer similar programs, and ongoing evaluation of permissible options for CTF allocations. The CAC expressed a desire to continue discussing the updates to the CCMC related to the potential revisions to CTF allocations.

Staff is requesting that the CAC continue to discuss updates to the Municipal Code and APPP Ordinance, and potential revisions to CTF allocations. Staff is requesting direction from the CAC on if it recommends changes to the CTF allocations, and if so, how they recommend the funding be allocated in the future, and if recommends a nexus study to be conducted. Once staff receives those recommendations from the CAC, staff will present the complete set of recommendations on changes to Sections 15.06.100 - 15.06.180 of the CCMC to the City Council for input and direction. Once staff receives input and direction from the City Council, staff will prepare a draft ordinance for consideration by the CAC.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

Other than staff time, there currently is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None

### **MOTION**

That the Cultural Affairs Commission:

1. Provide direction to staff on proposed future allocation of funds relating to the Art in Public Places Program and on amending the ordinance.