



Civic Arts Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
October 28, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Civic Arts Commission
Submitted by: Cameron Woo, Chairperson, Civic Arts Commission
Subject: Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Civic Arts Commission has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) based upon goals articulated in the *City of Berkeley Arts & Culture Plan (2018 - 2027 Update)* and reflective of previously initiated projects that are already under way. This civic arts work plan includes a variety of objectives in three areas: Policy, Grants, and Public Art.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At its regular meeting on June 25, 2025, the Civic Arts Commission approved the final FY26 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan, which is used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

Action Item: Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.

Public Comment: 1

BACKGROUND

See work plan (Attachment 1).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental sustainability or climate impacts identified as a result of this plan.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research, public meetings, and new initiatives other additional recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

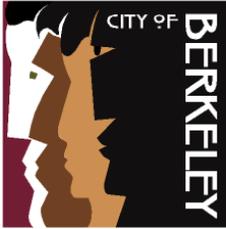
FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

No fiscal impacts determined at this time.

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Attachment: 1: FY26 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan



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Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

6/25/2025 Civic Arts Commission meeting

Policy Subcommittee

1. Continue participation with staff and in consultation with the Housing Advisory Commission to advise on the development of policies and initiatives to create affordable housing for Artists and Cultural Workers in the City of Berkeley culminating in a report to Council with recommendations related to affordable housing for the arts and culture sector.
2. In response to Council Referral, develop and send to Council a cohesive policy for the establishment of any new Cultural Arts Districts and revision to the existing Cultural Arts Districts to bring them into alignment with the new policy.
3. Advocate for the designation of a Cultural Arts District in West Berkeley.
4. Advise on application to the California Arts Council for a State-designated Cultural Arts District in the City of Berkeley.

Grants Subcommittee

1. Advocate to Council for the restoration of the Community Festivals grant funding level back up to \$200,000.
2. Review and develop Civic Arts guidelines for Arts Programs, Community Festivals, General Operating Support, and Individual Artist Projects grant categories for the FY27 grant cycle with Civic Arts staff; make final guidelines recommendations to Civic Arts Commission.
3. Review funding scenarios for grant awards based on scores, number of applicants, and available funding; make final grant funding recommendations to Civic Arts Commission.

Public Art Subcommittee

1. Participate with Civic Arts staff and a consultant in the development of a *Public Art Strategic Plan* for the City of Berkeley. The Plan will outline the steps, strategies, and actions required to shape, reinforce, or transform the Civic Arts Public Art Program. The Plan will include strategies to stabilize and sustain the Public Art Program to better serve the community and will recommend best practices, policy updates, and project prioritization. The Plan will build on the Background of previous policy achievements and planning efforts adopted by City Council.
2. Review and approve completion of *List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY25) Work Plans and Council Referrals (Attachment 1)* and the *Public Art Strategic Plan* before recommending new public art projects for implementation.
3. Review and approve public art projects at required development milestones.

Attachment 1: List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY25) Work Plans and Council Referrals

Active (Listed Alphabetically):

1. Aquatic Park tile wall COMPLETION IN 2026
2. BART Plaza Sound Installation (Ongoing programming and equipment repair)
3. Framed Art Purchases for City Buildings COMPLETION IN 2025
4. Home sculpture de-installation COMPLETION IN 2026
5. Jean LaMarr sculptural seating and grinding rock at Ohlone Park COMPLETION IN 2026
6. Lara Kaur artwork at West Service Center COMPLETION IN 2025
7. Measure T-1: MLK Youth Service Center COMPLETION IN 2027
8. Measure T-1: Willard Clubhouse COMPLETION IN 2026
9. Peace Wall Conservation COMPLETION IN 2025
10. Po Shu Wang Signage and Bell COMPLETION IN 2025
11. Re-installation of Romare Bearden artwork COMPLETION IN 2026
12. Turtle Island Monument
13. Utility Box Mural Program (Assessment and Implementation of Recommendations)
14. William Wareham sculpture conservation and reinstallation COMPLETION IN 2026

Not Started (Listed in Prioritized Order):

1. Eric Powell Gates Conservation COMPLETION IN 2026
2. Santa Fe Right of Way Park COMPLETION IN 2027
3. Dona Spring Memorial (Council Referral)
4. Measure T-1: South Berkeley Senior Center COMPLETION IN 2028
5. Measure T-1: African American Health Resource Center COMPLETION IN 2028
6. Aquatic Park sculpture
7. City Flag, Song, and Motto (Council Referral)
8. Hidden Gems: Berkeley Hills Stairways
9. Mural Commemorating Black Lives Matter Movement
10. Telegraph Avenue Public Art Project
11. Telegraph Crosswalk Murals (Council Referral)
12. Harrison Street Corridor Project
13. Replacement Mural for Center for Independent Living (Council Referral)
14. Family Friendly Art (Council Referral)
15. Upcoming: Transfer Station Replacement
16. Upcoming Dreamland Park
17. Upcoming Waterfront Ferry Terminal