



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report October 8th – November 12th, 2009

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Introduction

The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Update on Current Projects

- Gallery District Incentive Program—continued inquiries and business participation.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—processing 21 agreements, many projects are underway. Additionally, the 2010 Grant applications and guidelines were made available on November 9th. Attached is the poster generously created by Sarah Ross for the grant program. The City partnered with 40 North and the U-C Independent Media Center to co-host a grant writing workshop specific to the Urbana Arts Grants. The workshop was held on November 12th in the Independent Media Center. The joint efforts of 40 North and the Independent Media Center in assisting with this workshop are greatly appreciated.
- Urbana Sculpture Project—Call for Art closed on Oct. 19th. 34 applications were received which provide 96 sculptures to be considered. The applicants were from 14 states and two countries. Staff is coordinating the juries for the review and selection of the pieces. The first jury is comprised of Robin Hall, Kathleen Harleman, Michele Plante, and Chris Evans, and will convene on November 19th. The first jury will review all submission and select 10 to be reviewed by a second jury. The second jury will select 4 out of the 10 to be installed and the Public Arts Commission will review the recommendations and make the final approval. The second jury has not yet been formed but will include a broad range of stakeholders invested in the locations of the installations. Staff continues to finalize the artist agreements, insurance issues, and additional Philo Road locations.
- Projects with Partners:
 - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
 - Art in the Park Installation by John David Mooney
 - King Park Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Planning with Urbana Park District and University of Illinois Landscape Architecture studio class
 - Urbana Business Association Downtown Committee

Upcoming Events

- Public Arts Commission Meeting tentative date: December 8, 2009.

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ARTS

GRANTS

PROGRAM

accepting applications until January 11, 2010

GRANT CATEGORIES

Here and Now

Short-Term Arts Grants
for Urbana Residents

Envision 365

Grants for Emerging
& Professional Artists

Creative Mix

Arts Grants for Groups,
Troupes & Ensembles

Urbana Festivals Grants

The City of Urbana supports opportunities for all residents to engage with the arts in its many forms. The arts are essential to the vitality of the city and enhance the quality of life while encouraging economic development, public safety, academic performance, and social tolerance. The Urbana Public Arts Commission, through the Urbana Arts Grants Program, will support projects in the arts that are accessible to the public. This program will foster an environment for established and emerging artists to thrive in Urbana, promote life-long participation and learning in the arts, and integrate art into the urban environment.

* Applicants need NOT be Urbana Residents for Envision 365, Creative Mix or Urbana Festivals Grant categories.

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The Urbana Arts Grants Program is sponsored in part by the Urbana Business Association.

**For complete guidelines and applications go to:
www.city.urbana.il.us/arts**

