

RESOLUTION 25 – 35, 2025
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

**AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
ARTWORKS CINCINNATI FOR A CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL MURAL IN THE NEW
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER,
DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Columbia Township Trustees desires to contract for creation of community-based historical and cultural spaces in the Columbia Community and Government Center (former Madison Place Firehouse) scheduled to open in 2025 ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township won a \$150,000 State of Ohio grant to create historical and cultural spaces in the Project. Administration worked with Hamilton Co. Community Development to connect to experienced public art organizations with community-based projects that feature diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging in their processes and portfolios - including opportunities to invite residents and businesses to participate where feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously approved, in Res. 25-31 (amending Res. 24-57), the Administrator to enter into a contract with ArtWorks Cincinnati, 2460 Gilbert Avenue, 45206, to create cultural and historical experience rooms in the Project to be installed specifically in the entry vestibule and northwest staircase to the Administration Office; and

WHEREAS, Administration additionally recommends the Board of Trustees accept the second attached proposal from ArtWorks Cincinnati, and authorize the Administrator to enter into the agreement for up to \$50,000 for a public mural featuring Columbia's history and culture to be created in the three-story northeast stairway, encompassing the basement, first floor, mezzanine office floor, and stairway to rooftop deck, in the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

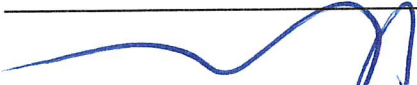
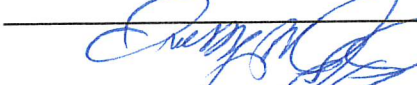
Be it further resolved that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to enter into the ArtWorks agreement to deliver the services in the opening year of the Project and before the State of Ohio grant expires.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to sign, on behalf of the Township, an agreement between ArtWorks Cincinnati and Columbia Township for up to \$50,000 for a historical/cultural public mural for the Madison Place Firehouse Redevelopment.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mr. Kubicki
Seconded by: Mr. Lamar

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki, President	yes		07/16/2025
Brian Lamar, Vice President	yes		07/16/2025
Steve Brokamp, Trustee	yes		07/16/2025

ATTEST: Carol B. Heekin
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Office
07/16/2025

Refer to attached agreement.

ARTWORKS PROPOSAL

FOR COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP





ABOUT ARTWORKS

ArtWorks is an award-winning Greater Cincinnati nonprofit that collaborates with community organizations and residents, businesses, governments, foundations, and nonprofits to build creative works of art that bolster the region's global reputation as an arts destination - making Cincinnati the #1 City for Street Art (USA Today).

Over 28 years, ArtWorks has spearheaded major public art initiatives like the Big Pig Gig and BLINK, and employed and trained over 3,500 professional artists and 4,000 youth, ages 14 - 24. We invest in our creative economy by creating jobs that support local talent, pairing professional artists to inspire and mentor diverse teams of youth, and helping them build 21st-century career-readiness skills. Through this collaborative approach has created a citywide gallery with more than 14,000 public and private art projects, including more than 300 permanent outdoor murals.





OUR MISSION

We create community based public art that provides career opportunities for artists of all ages.

Switch on Avondale, Cal Cullen



We find a way.

We are driven by creativity and resilience, overcoming obstacles through innovation and collaboration. No matter the challenge, we stay committed to delivering impactful art and experiences.

We thrive together through diversity.

We embrace the richness of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and cultures, fostering an inclusive environment where everyone's voice is valued. Together, we create stronger, more meaningful connections through our collective creativity.

We believe art enhances life.

We believe that art has the power to inspire, transform, and bring people together. By integrating art into everyday life, we enrich our communities, promote dialogue, and spark joy and understanding.





YOUR CREATIVE TEAM

Meet the Mural Studio

Mural Studio Artists, ages 18 - 24, are experienced emerging creatives who have proven talent.

This creative team is led by two professional Mural Studio Managers with production, client management, and project management experience.





SCOPE & DELIVERABLES

Through this proposal, Columbia Township seeks to partner with ArtWorks to create **one permanent interior mural** that showcases all the different neighborhoods throughout the township and adds beauty to their back staircase.

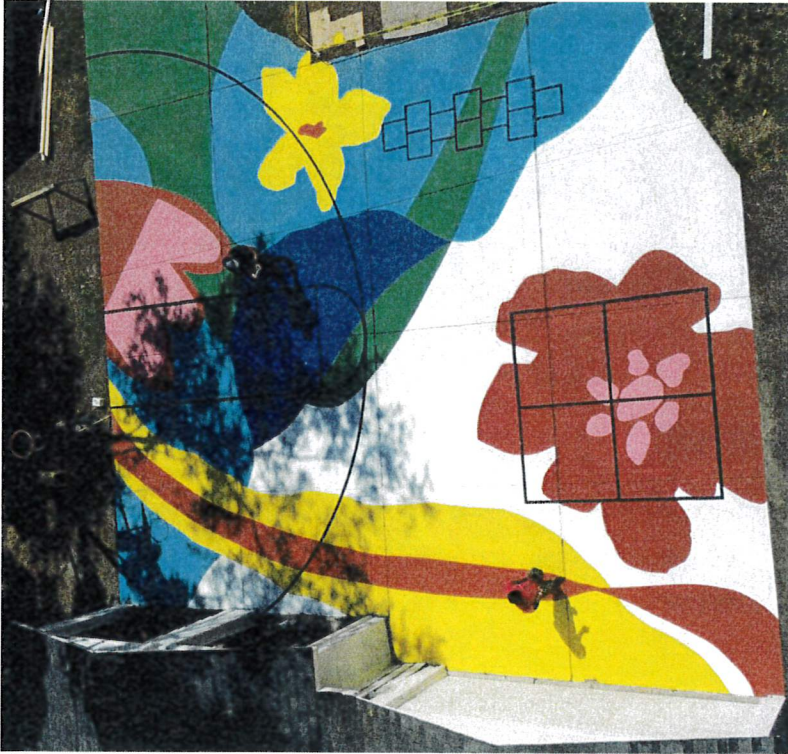
Outputs

One permanent interior mural approx. 1084 sq ft.

Artist & Youth Impact

This project will employ 14 Studio Artists from ArtWorks' year-long Creative Studios program. Studio Artists will gain hands-on experience translating a client vision into a creative brief, developing initial design concepts, and refining them into a final artwork ready for fabrication. The team will also gain project management skills as they collaborate with internal staff and external vendors. This opportunity provides real-world client experience and builds the creative confidence of early-career artists.





Momentum, Ellie Wallace (Mural Studio Artist)

TIMELINE

Proposal & Agreement Phase

- 7/7/2025 – ArtWorks sends proposal to Client
- 7/15/2025 – Client provides feedback or signs proposal
- 7/29/2025 – ArtWorks sends binding service agreement
- 8/12/2025 – Client returns signed agreement

Design Phase

- March 2026 - Design Concept Development
- March 2026 - Client Review (Design Concepts)
- April 2026 - Final Design Development
- April 2026 - Client Review (Final Design)
- April 2026 - Adjustments Made to Final Design (if needed)

Production

- October 2026 - Preparation & Production
- November 2026 - Project Completion

BUDGET

Estimated Project Budget:
\$\$43,360 - \$50,000

* This range is our estimate based on square footage. To get fully accurate numbers, we will need to get bids from vendors.



I Wrap Myself in Starlight, Emily Howard





The Hayden at Roebling Point, Christian Dallas

SIGN HERE

Please indicate your approval and commitment to the items in this proposal and return by **7/15/2025**.

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Request for Revisions

Signature _____
Representative of Columbia Township

Date _____

*Upon Signing, ArtWorks will draft a formal Partner Agreement along with terms and conditions to solidify responsibilities for both parties for the project.



