

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, City of Memphis Ordinance No. 4934 provides that one percent (1%) of the total general obligation bond amount included in the CIP budget for construction costs each fiscal year shall be allocated to the public art fund for use in the development of artwork hereunder, *including, but not limited to* (emphasis added), artist design services, the development of design concepts and models, an artist in residency program, the selection, acquisition, purchase, commissioning, placement, installation, exhibition and display of artwork, and architectural and engineering design associated with artwork; and

WHEREAS, the UrbanArt Commission (UAC) requires up to 18% of each individual project's budget for the project management costs of each project funded through the Percent-for-Art program; and

WHEREAS, since 2002 the UAC has contributed privately sourced funds to cover costs of project management, however with the downturn in the economy over the past two years, the UAC's private reserves have been depleted, and it can no longer continue to bridge the funding gap; and

WHEREAS, project management costs are eligible to be considered a part of the CIP Percent-for-Art requirements under Ordinance No. 4934 and nationwide, other Percent-for-Art programs dedicate an average of 15-20% from each project's total budget for its management.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Memphis allow up to 18% of project budgets be allocated for the UAC's project management duties under the Percent-for-Art program, which will henceforth be included in the overall budget for each, thus allowing the UAC to increase or downsize project management staff as the program's annual caseload requires.

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