

Edmonton Arts Council

Artist Initiated Public Art Grants 2017 – Attachment 1

Program information and Recommendations

Program Summary

This is a pilot program that has been under development for more than a year, following recommendations generated by the Edmonton Arts Council's *Public Art Committee*.

Much of the art in the public realm in Edmonton has been commissioned through public programs driven by policy initiatives such as the Percent for Art policy.

The Artist Initiated Public Art Project grant is intended to support artists to pursue art initiatives in the public realm outside the policy-driven commissioning, through collaboration and relationships with businesses and organizations.

Purpose

Artist Initiated Public Art Project grants are intended to encourage and support the activities of Edmonton artists for a specific time towards a specific partnership project to create art in the public realm. Support will be directed towards the creation, development and production of work that will be installed in Edmonton location(s) free and accessible to everyone.

Projects must be collaborations between artists and private sector supporters, businesses, site owners, and/or community organizations.

Projects must not be intended for the City of Edmonton's Public Art Collection.

Recommended Projects 2017

Applicant Name	Project	Grant Recommendation
Caitlin Bodewitz	To produce a mural that reflects the sentiment of naturalization, while serving as a gesture of remembrance or reminder, in partnership with CSIC Services and Holdings LTD on 124street.	\$19,000
Pedro Rodriguez De Los Santos	To produce a Constructivist mural project, in partnership with Crystal Kids Youth Centre, Arts on the Ave., and Alberta Avenue Business Association, at the back alley parking lot of Crystal Kids Youth Centre.	\$16,000

These grants are conditional on satisfactory review of the project's technical implementation plans by the EAC's Public Art Conservation team. Both recommended recipients have begun that review process.