



## City of Ketchum

November 4, 2019

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors  
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Ketchum, Idaho

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### **Recommendation to Appropriate Funds for Ketchum Arts Commission Project**

#### Recommendation and Summary

Staff is requesting Council to appropriate funds from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for a permanent, city-owned sculpture.

**“I move to appropriate \$29,000 from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund to the FY20 Ketchum Arts Commission budget for a permanent, city-owned sculpture.”**

The reasons for the recommendation are as follows:

- The FY19 Ketchum Arts Commission (KAC) budget included \$29,000 for a permanent, interactive sculpture.
- The money was unspent in FY19, so the funds exist in the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund balance.

#### Introduction and History

In November 2018, KAC issued a call for artists for a permanent, interactive, city-owned sculpture to be placed on Fourth Street. Submissions were received from 22 artists. The submissions were juried but none were selected, and a determination was made to issue a second call. On Monday, December 3, the second Call for Artists for an interactive art piece was released. Twenty-four artists responded to the call. KAC selected three semi-finalists and each submitted their final proposals. A finalist was selected and the design was approved by City Council in June 2019.

On July 29, staff received an email from the selected artist stating that due to personal issues, he was unable to be involved in the project. KAC decided not to issue another call because of the length of time the process takes to select an artist. By the time the process was complete, it would be the end of the fiscal year and winter weather conditions would delay an installation.

#### Analysis

If Council agrees to appropriate the funds, KAC would issue the call in early November. The call has been modified to request original artwork, either new or existing, and is open to sculptures that allow for viewer interaction.

#### Financial Impact

\$29,000 unspent FY19 funds that exist in the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund would be appropriated to the FY20 Ketchum Arts Commission budget for a permanent sculpture. The appropriation of these funds will come before Council at a subsequent meeting.