



MEMO TO MERIDIAN ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Date: March 12, 2026

From: Cassandra Schiffler, Arts & Culture Coordinator

Topic: Purchase Award(s) for America 250 BOSCO Exhibit

Recommended Commission Action:

Approve an artwork purchase award for the **America 250 BOSCO exhibit** at Initial Point Gallery. The award(s) will not exceed a total of **\$5,000** for the purchase of 1–3 artworks to be added to the City’s permanent collection.

Background:

To incentivize high-quality submissions and secure significant local artwork for the City Hall public art collection, staff proposes a purchase award for the BOSCO (Boise Open Studios Collective Organization) America 250 themed exhibit.

Selection Parameters:

MAC will hold a Special Meeting following the gallery artwork installation on May 19, 2026 to select to select the award recipient(s) for 1 - 3 artworks. To be eligible for consideration, artwork must meet the following criteria:

- be created within the past 2 years
- be priced individually under \$3,000
- represent the spirit of [America 250](#) as an exemplary artwork that reflects and honors the nation’s history, its ideals, and the contributions of all Americans
- must be nonpartisan
- Note: the selected artist(s) will also be required to enter into a formal purchase agreement with the City of Meridian.

Strategic Goals Alignment: It meets MAC’s Strategic Plan goals for Public Art, as laid out in Public Art Goal 1: “Create opportunities for all Meridian residents and visitors to experience public art”

Budget: This project uses existing MAPS funds for smaller projects. (The MAPS Ordinance 15-1642 established the method of appropriating general funds to install visual, tangible artworks for installation on public property in Meridian’s public spaces.)

Installation and Location: Permanent display locations will be proposed and discussed during the Special MAC Meeting.

Final Approval: All selections are subject to final approval from Department and City leadership through the execution of the artist purchase agreement.