

ACHPC Sandpoint Silver Box Budget Request

Dear Chairman Paull and SURA Board,

The Sandpoint Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation Commission has voted to recommend continuing the Downtown District public art program known as the Silver Box Art on Loan Project for 2025. This cycle would entail a Spring install of three new pieces of public artworks on the three existing boxes. The ACHPC recommends a loan time-frame of one year, with a stipend of \$1000 for each artist chosen. Additional funds are for plaques for the artworks. We will be using our commission, staff, city website, media and community arts organizations to promote the RFP/Call for Art, at no cost to SURA.

We are requesting an additional \$2,000 to add to the \$1,684.68 Silver Box Project remaining balance, for a total budget of \$3,684.68 for the 2025 cycle.

(From February SURA minutes: Current Art Funds: Downtown \$208,749.64; Northern \$113,962.78

Silver Box Project: Advanced to Date \$18,315.22 remaining balance: \$1,684.68)

Over the years, we have gotten an abundance of positive feedback from the community for this program. Rotating art on the street provides maximum viewability by pedestrians and vehicles alike. One of the original goals was to grow, support and promote our local public artists. Success was evident in this winter's cycle where we had one Bonners Ferry artist and two from Sandpoint.

In closing, public art has been found to provide a positive impact on communities like ours by supporting economic growth and sustainability, wayfinding and cultural identity, artists as contributors, social cohesion and cultural understanding. The Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission appreciates SURA's ongoing support of public art in our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elle Susnis

Chair

Sandpoint, Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission