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7.18 ONE PERCENT FOR PUBLIC ART (Adopted 5-01-18; Amended 10-20-20)

7.18.1 PURPOSE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara recognizes that artistic and cultural resources are central to the overall quality of life of a community. Public art contributes significantly to the vitality of our community by creating beauty in our public spaces, and by fostering a sense of community identity. Public art can also commemorate significant milestones in a community's life, providing a link to our history.

For new County capital construction projects that total less than \$1 million, County art funding required by this Policy may be aggregated for public art at other publicly accessible County facilities. Any public art funds that remain unexpended from an applicable County capital construction project will be aggregated for use on public art at other publicly accessible County facilities.

7.18.2 PUBLIC ART POLICY



It shall be the policy of the Board to incorporate public art in the design and development of any new County capital construction project, and to include art in public areas in or surrounding project facilities. At minimum, one percent (1%) of the budget for each new capital construction project shall be allocated for works of art that are accessible by the public. Where funding restrictions partially preclude the allocation to art work, the allocation for art shall be made from the portion of the funds unrestricted for this purpose, if any, and shall constitute at least one percent (1%) of the unrestricted portion.

7.18.3 EXCLUSIONS

The following County capital construction projects are excluded from the requirements of this policy:

- (a) Projects wherein a financing source by law, statute, regulation, or grant precludes such uses.
- (b) Capital projects involving no construction such as studies, reports, leases, and easements.
- (b) Capital projects involving construction for the repair, renovation, or improvement of existing County facilities.
- (b) Facilities and structures that are not open to the public (e.g. maintenance buildings in County Parks).

At the discretion of the County Executive or designee, County capital construction projects that are excluded from the requirements of the policy may include funding for artwork that is accessible by the public.

7.18.4 SELECTION OF ARTWORK



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The County Executive or designee is authorized to determine the method and process of selecting artwork for new County capital construction projects under this policy and shall adopt administrative guidelines for the selection and acquisition of public art for County facilities.

Definitions

None.

Frequently Asked Questions

None.

Related Policies

- Temporary Exhibition of Artworks at County Facilities - Board Policy 7.19 - <https://saecommon.sccgov.org/countypolicy/Board-Policy-7.19-Temporary-Exhibition-of-Artworks-at-County-Facilities.pdf>

Related Forms and Information

- Public Art Administrative Guidelines for Board Policy 7.18 - [\[url\]/sites/policies/FormsrelatedtoPolicies/Administrative-Public-Art-Guidelines.pdf](#)
- Artist Agreement Template - [\[url\]/sites/policies/FormsrelatedtoPolicies/Artist-Agreement-Template.pdf](#)



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- Artist Agreement Exhibits Template -
[url]/sites/policies/FormsrelatedtoPolicies/Artist-Agreement-Exhibits-Template.pdf
- VARA-CAPA Waiver Form Fillable -
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History

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