

Planning Division

2026 Capital Budget Request Summary

Request by Proposal

Project/Program Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Municipal Art Fund	160,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	180,000
Total	160,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	180,000

Request by Funding Source - GO Borrowing vs. Other

2026 Request

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
GO Borrowing	160,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	180,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	160,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	180,000

Prior Year CIP

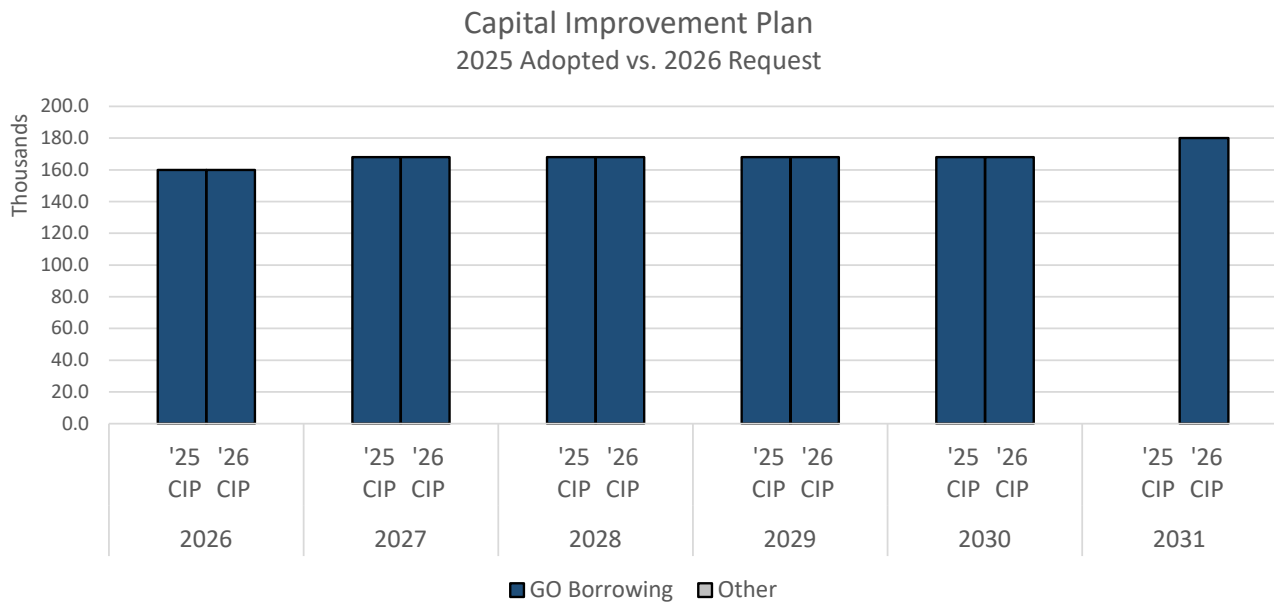
Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
GO Borrowing	160,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	160,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000

Request vs. Prior Year CIP - Difference

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
GO Borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

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Major Changes

Municipal Art Fund

- No major changes compared to 2025 Adopted CIP.



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TO: Mayor Rhodes-Conway, David Schmiedicke, Finance Director
FROM: Meagan Tuttle, Planning Division Director
DATE: April 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Planning Division Capital Budget Transmittal Memo

The Planning Division's Capital Budget is limited to the Municipal Art Fund. This program focuses on the maintenance and expansion of the City's public art collection, emphasizing the equitable distribution of these investments. Within the program, details are subject to future decisions by the Madison Arts Commission.

Summary of Changes from 2025 Capital Improvement Plan

There are no proposed changes to the overall Municipal Art Fund request from 2025. Based on project development from year-to-year, there are slight adjustments to anticipated individual Art in Public Places (AIPP) commissions for 2026 within the fund itself; these changes are budget neutral. Previously anticipated 2026 AIPP allocations for the Public Market and Warner Park projects received other funding sources; therefore, funding is proposed to be allocated instead to the Walnut St. underpass and utility boxes.

Risk Assessment of Federal Funding

The Municipal Art Fund does not utilize federal funding.

Prioritized List of Capital Requests

The capital budget includes only the Municipal Art Fund, which is a modest investment to advance Strategy 6 of the Culture and Character element of the *Imagine Madison Comprehensive Plan*—to integrate public art throughout the city, in ways that reflect the city's cultural diversity and heritage and emphasizes equitable geographic distribution.

Details about the implementation of the Fund are subject to future decisions by the Madison Arts Commission, and are dependent on other initiatives undertaken by City agencies and community partners. We anticipate that \$90,000, just over half of 2026 funds, will support staff time to administer the fund, maintain the rotating exhibits in the Madison Municipal and City County buildings, and support conservation work for existing public art in the city. \$27,700 is proposed to support the Thurber Park Artist in Residence program, and the remaining \$42,300 will support the Art in Public Places program (for likely commissions for Theresa Terrace Neighborhood Center, Walnut St. underpass and the utility box program).

2026 Capital Improvement Plan

Program Budget Proposal

Identifying Information

Agency	Planning Division	New or Existing Project	Existing
Proposal Name	Municipal Art Fund	Project Type	Program
Project Number	65001	2026 Project Number	15738

Project Description

This program focuses on the maintenance and expansion of the City's public art collection, emphasizing the equitable distribution of City investment in public art, involvement of residents, and increased opportunities for local artists of color. Planned projects for 2026 include continuation of the Artist in Residence program and conservation for existing public works; commissions for the Theresa Terrace Neighborhood Center and Walnut Street underpass; and additional utility box wraps and maintenance.

Budget Comparison

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
2025 CIP Total	\$ 160,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	
2026 CIP Total	\$ 160,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 180,000
Difference '26 vs. '25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,000

Requested 2026 Budget by Funding Source

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Borrowing - GF GO	\$ 160,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 180,000
Total	\$ 160,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 180,000

Requested 2026 Budget by Expense Type

Expense Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Art & Historical Treasures	\$ 100,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 120,000
Other	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Total	\$ 160,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 180,000

Explain any changes from the 2025 CIP in the proposed funding for this project/program

There are no proposed changes to the overall CIP request for the Municipal Art Fund from the 2025 CIP. Based on project development from year-to-year, there are slight adjustments to anticipated Art in Public Places (AIPP) commissions within the fund.

TIF funding is included in this request:	No
Impact Fees are included in this request:	No

Request does not include TIF or Impact Fees. Skip Supplemental Budget Info.

Project Information

Agency: Planning Division

Project/Program: Municipal Art Fund

Project Schedule and Location

Complete the table below for each year of requested funding. If detailed project plans are not available, explain why and when this information will be available.

- For **programs**, detail the minor projects that will occur and provide location detail when necessary.
- For **projects**, detail costs across the major project phases (planning, design, or construction/implementation).

Year	Phase/Project Name	Cost	Location	Alder District
2026	Staff time administering fund	\$ 60,000	Citywide	
2026	MMB & CCB Public Art	\$ 10,000	MMB & CCB	4
2026	Conservation	\$ 20,000	Citywide	
2026	Artist in Residence	\$ 27,700	Thurber Park Artist Residency	N/A-Near 15
2026	Art in Public Places	\$ 10,000	Theresa Terrace	20
2026	Art in Public Places	\$ 22,300	Walnut Street Underpass	5
2026	Art in Public Places (Utility Box Wraps)	\$ 10,000	Citywide	
2027	Staff time administering fund	\$ 60,000	Citywide	
2027	MMB & CCB Public Art	\$ 10,000	MMB & CCB	4
2027	Conservation	\$ 15,000	Citywide	
2027	Artist in Residence	\$ 27,700	Thurber Park Artist Residency	N/A-Near 15
2027	Lighting & plaques for installed public art	\$ 20,000	Citywide	
2027	Art in Public Places (Utility Box Wraps)	\$ 10,000	Citywide	
2027	Art in Public Places	\$ 25,300	Fisher Street Bike Lane	14-Near 13
2028	Staff time administering fund	\$ 60,000	Citywide	
2028	MMB & CCB Public Art	\$ 10,000	MMB & CCB	4
2028	Conservation	\$ 22,000	Citywide	
2028	Artist in Residence	\$ 27,700	Thurber Park Artist Residency	N/A-Near 15
2028	Art in Public Places	\$ 38,300	Declaration Lane Water Tank	17
2028	Art in Public Places (Utility Box Wraps)	\$ 10,000	Citywide	
2029	Staff time administering fund	\$ 60,000	Citywide	
2029	MMB & CCB Public Art	\$ 10,000	MMB & CCB	4
2029	Conservation	\$ 22,000	Citywide	
2029	Artist in Residence	\$ 27,700	Thurber Park Artist Residency	N/A-Near 15
2029	Art in Public Places	\$ 38,300	TBD	TBD
2029	Art in Public Places (Utility Box Wraps)	\$ 10,000	Citywide	

Additional Information

Facility Expenses

Does the proposal include facility expenses?

No

Technology

Does the proposal include a technology component (e.g. electronic hardware, upgrades or migrations of existing systems, website changes, technology-related operating costs such as software licenses)?

No

Over the next six years, will the project/program require any of the following operating expenses:

Facilities or land maintenance?

No

Software or software licenses?

No

Vehicle setup or maintenance costs?

No

External management or consulting contracts?

No

Additional FTE positions for ongoing operations of this project/program?

No

Is this project/program required to meet the Percent for Arts ordinance?

No

[Percent for Art requirements detailed in MGO Section 4.30](#)

End of Proposal Form.