

Public Art Commission, Richmond VA

Work Plan 2026–2028

Notes Key: **Priority Future Site (0 existing public art projects) : Districts 1 & 4**
Medium Priority Site (2-4 existing public art projects) : Districts 2, 7, 8, & 9
Low Priority Site (5-12 existing public art projects) : Districts 3, 5, & 6

Available Funds: \$1.68 million (Percent for Art) + \$100K (Temporary Art)

PAC-Led PROJECTS	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
<i>Broad Rock Community Garden</i>	\$30K	8 th	Nearing completion	Spring/Summer 2026	Artist needs to coordinate installation of solar panels Connect artist with Nate (PRCF)	Project Lead: ?
<i>Raindrop (Southside Community Center)</i>	\$200K	9 th	Finalizing contract	Winter 2026/Spring 2027	Site project designs are being updated	Project Lead: Chair Andrea Almond
<i>Trailhead (Ancarrow's Landing)</i>	\$300K	6 th	Drafting contract	Winter 2026/Spring 2027		Project Lead: Elizabeth Dolan Wright (events, programming)
<i>Fire Station #21</i>	\$135k	8 th	Compiling Artist Selection Panel (ASP)	Summer/Fall 2027		Project Lead: Jessie Gemmer
<i>Brown's Island</i>	\$300k	5 th	Need to begin public art process	Winter 2026	Site currently under construction Site managed by Venture, but owned by City Parks system	Project Lead: Vice Chair Ricky Parker
<i>Police Precinct #1</i>	\$75k	7 th		Summer/Fall 2027	Budget adjusted – for discussion with Police Precinct	Project Lead:

			Need to identify ASP members, get mural estimate			Nicole Jones
<i>Temporary Art on Broad (Arts District)</i>	\$100k	2 nd , 6 th	See notes	Summer/Fall 2026	Confirming potential sites Need for signage, wayfinding Art placement considerations based on need to encourage people to explore further	Subcommittee: Elizabeth Dolan Wright Brian Barr
<i>City Hall Art</i>	TBD	6 th	Need to schedule meeting	TBD	Need to know Mayor's Office funding opportunities	Subcommittee: Taron Sparks Brian Barr
<i>East End Library</i>	\$100K	7 th	Spring 2027 start	Spring 2028	Build on the JRA's recent green infrastructure project to add an artful shade structure	Project Lead: Holly Gordon
<i>TB Smith Community Center</i>	\$150K	8 th	Fall 2026 Start	Fall 2027	Partnership with Parks (PRCF) Interior piece (mosaic, sculpture, painting) Ensure art wasn't part of the build / original plans	Project Lead: TBD
<i>Lucks Community Center</i>	\$150K	7 th	Spring 2027 start	Spring 2028	Partnership with Parks (PRCF)	Project Lead: TBD
<i>Broad Rock Branch Library</i>	\$100K	8 th	Fall 2028 Start	Fall 2029	Build on the JRA's recent green infrastructure project to add an artful shade structure	Project Lead: TBD
<i>Bellemeade Park Outdoor Learning Campus</i>	\$200K	6 th	Summer 2027 Start	Summer 2028	Work with Friends of Bellemeade Park – many opportunities for art that supports existing programming	Project Lead: TBD
<i>Historic Fulton Memorial Park</i>	TBD	7 th			Start is contingent on Parks (PRCF) developing further plans	
<i>Westover Hills Park</i>	TBD	4 th			Start is contingent on Parks (PRCF) developing further plans	
City Partnership	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

PROJECTS						
<i>Richmond Connects: Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper</i>	N/A	multiple	ongoing	ongoing	Partnership with Public Works (DPW) Tactical urbanism/asphalt art projects	Review at PAC Meetings
<i>Poetry & Public Art on the James River Branch Trail Pilot</i>	N/A	4 th	Site visit on 2/24	Fall 2026	Partnership with Parks (PRCF), Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)	Review at PAC Meetings
<i>CARE Program</i>	N/A	TBD	Program development in progress; meeting in March	Late Spring 2026	Partnership with Dep't of Economic Development (DED) Grants for non-profits & civic/merchant associations for façade improvement & storefront public art installations	Arts District Subcommittee support with creation of guidelines for how to commission/create public art projects
<i>Public art & exhibitions at Main St. Station</i>	TBD	6 th	Meeting to be scheduled	ongoing	Partnership with Public Works (DPW)	Subcommittee: Taron Sparks Brian Barr
<i>Richmond People's Budget (RVAPB)</i>	N/A	multiple	Draft phase of Cycle 1 Projects	TBD	Partnership with Richmond People's Budget (RVAPB)	PAC Lead: Holly Gordon
<i>Surplus materials reuse</i>	TBD	N/A	Check-in needed	TBD	Potential partnership with the Office of Sustainability, Parks, Richmond Gas Works Potential future art project with surplus materials	Jessie Gemmer
<i>VA 250</i>	TBD	TBD	unknown	TBD	Support as needed	TBD Projects may come to PAC for review
<i>City Center</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Partnership with Economic Development Association (EDA)	TBD
Public-Private PROJECTS	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

<i>Hillside Court Playground</i>	\$68k	6 th	Drafting ordinance to increase funds	Spring/Summer 2026	Partnership with Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority	N/A
<i>Diamond District Public Art (Phase 1)</i>	N/A	2 nd	Drafting RFQs	Spring 2027 (Phase 1)	Partnership with Diamond District Partners (DDP) Phase 1 includes: 1) an RFQ for a large-scale permanent sculpture, 2) coordination of apprenticeship for sculpture commission, & 3) confirm Mews temporary art installation approach	Taron Sparks & Jordan Roeder on the artist selection panels Project Leads: Maritza Pechin (DDP) Monica Kinsey
<i>CarMax Park Public Art</i>	N/A	2 nd	In-progress	Spring 2026	Partnership with Machete Group Public art includes: one sculpture, three murals, large-scale paintings on board	Point of Contact: Holly Gordon Project Lead: Sir James Thornhill (DDP)
<i>Shockoe Project</i>	TBD	multiple	Follow-up needed	ongoing	TBD on level of PAC involvement; funds may be Percent for Art or solely from project budget/outside funders	Point of Contact: TBD
<i>VCU mOb Studio Project 1</i>	N/A	N/A	In-progress	Spring 2026	Text panel template for public art collection & PAC branding	Point of Contact: Andrea Almond
<i>VCU mOb Studio Project 2</i>	N/A	2 nd , 6 th	In-progress	Spring 2026	Public Art mapping in the Arts District	Point of Contact: Monica Kinsey
<i>VCUarts - Arts District</i>	N/A / TBD?	2 nd , 6 th	Need to schedule meeting	ongoing	Connecting with VCUarts stakeholders on shared goals & possible collaborations	Subcommittee: Elizabeth Dolan Wright Brian Barr
<i>VCUarts - Diamond District</i>	N/A	2 nd	Need to schedule meeting	ongoing	Coordinating with Arts departments on the Diamond District sculpture commission apprenticeship/internship program	N/A (DD Points of Contact: Monica Kinsey Jessica Bell Brown)
<i>EDA – City Center Project</i>	N/A	6 th	TBD	TBD		TBD

Gifts of Art	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
<i>April Banks: Elevate</i>	N/A	2 nd	In-progress	Install at intended final location: Fall 2026 Abner Clay Park	Drafting ordinance to accept work to Parks storage Planning move from DC to Parks storage	
<i>Francine Statue TBD</i>	N/A	2 nd	Anticipating proposal from applicant Spring/Summer 2026	TBD	Providing guidance to applicant on public art process	Review of proposal; make recommendation to Planning Commission
<i>The Mill and the Headman</i>	N/A	2 nd	TBD	TBD	Confirm that both sculptures were funded by Venture Richmond and never gifted to the City's Public Art Program – coordinate the transfer	
<i>Fall Line Trail TBD</i>	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	Unsure what direction this will go	Review of proposal; make recommendation to Planning Commission
Advocacy & Advising	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
<i>Mayor's Arts & Culture Advisory Group</i>	N/A	N/A	ongoing	N/A	Advocating for the establishment of an Office of Arts & Culture Working with History & Culture Commission on scope	Nicole Jones
<i>Code Refresh</i>	N/A	N/A	ongoing	TBD	Advocating for inclusion of public art incentives for private developers, along with updates to district allowances (ie. allow for schools, churches to be turned into art spaces & artist studios)	Andrea Almond
<i>PAC x Parks Memorandum of Understanding</i>	N/A	N/A	MOU draft in progress (Due 3/9)	Late March 2026	Partnership with Parks (PRCF) Aligning PAC & Parks missions/goals (See Parks INSPIRE Draft Plan) Establishing a framework for collaboration, including a public art residency program on Parks property	Andrea Almond Point of Contact: TBD
<i>Pine Camp Tuberculosis Hospital vision</i>	N/A	ongoing		ongoing	Partnership with Parks, History & Culture Commission	Jessie Gemmer

			Draft of vision in-progress; see INSPIRE		Advocating for turning the old tuberculosis hospital into a multi-use arts & culture space (ie. artist studios, residency program, art exhibition space, permanent history exhibit) Creation of overall vision/plan Coordinate with Parks on this	
<i>Percent for Art Budget Process Update</i>	N/A	ongoing	Follow-up needed with PDR Director	ongoing	Advocating for updates to the manner in which funds are allocated to the City's Percent for Art Program	Andrea Almond
Misc.	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
<i>Programming</i>	TBD	N/A	Plan needed	ongoing	Partnership with Office of Strategic Communications (OSC) Programming to coordinate: Skatepark sculpture & Broad Rock Community Garden celebrations; artist talks for Fire Station #12, collection artists (ie. artists working on large-scale public art commissions for the first time), tabling at First Fridays in the Arts District Social media/other: Collection highlights for Instagram, PAC webpage, and Hey Richmond newsletter	Prioritize 1 artist talk/programming idea outside project celebrations/ribbon-cuttings for Spring/Summer & identify lead PAC Project Lead to typically lead event/program planning
<i>Collection management</i>	TBD	N/A	Follow-up needed	ongoing	DPW drafting maintenance budget request as of Fall 2025 Inventory updates, plaque approach and installation, creation of final reports for each collection item, etc.	TBD
ADDITIONAL IDEAS TO CONSIDER	PAC BUDGET	DISTRICT	STATUS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION	NOTES	PAC MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

<i>Midlothian & Hull St. Corridors, Gateways</i>					Coincide with / complement infrastructure projects?	
<i>Monument Ave.</i>						
<i>Artist database</i>					Process needed Limit barriers	
<i>Best practice guidelines</i>					Artist database could be included here Make available to private development groups Mural guidelines	

CITY-WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC ART COLLECTION AS OF JULY 2025 (includes in progress projects)

VOTING DISTRICT	CURRENT PUBLIC ART COLLECTION
1st	0
2nd	5

3rd	11
4th	0
5th	11
6th	14
7th	4
8th	5
9th	2
Total Projects	53

CITY-SITE LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC ART AS OF JULY 2025 (includes in progress projects)

SITES	PUBLIC ART COLLECTION
Police Precincts/Academy	9 works for 4 sites
Community Centers	9 works for 6 sites
Fire Stations	7 works for 4 sites
Parks	5 works for 5 sites
Court Houses	4 works for 2 sites
Trails	3 works for 3 sites
Community Gardens	3 works for 3 sites
Public Libraries	3 works for 2 sites
Ambulance Authority	3 works
Train Station	2 works
Schools	1 work