



Department of Police

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SUBJECT: Expenditure of Funds for Police Art Sculpture Panels

This is provided as documentation in requesting 2018 Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds to be spent for commissioning an original art brick sculpture panel by renowned artist Paula Blincoe Collins for installation on the exterior front of the Police Station located at 601 E Hickory Street.

The two sculpture panels will each measure 4' X 20' and will be composed of brick fired by Acme Brick Company. After working collaboratively with the Denton Police Department to determine its visual content, the sculpture will feature a timeline series of images depicting the historic to present-day Denton Police Department story of Integrity, Dedication, Excellence, Professionalism, and Respect.

Artist Collins has over 40 years of expertise in working with clay and has produced over 250 commissioned works and top honors in prestigious juried art competitions. Her work has been featured in both private and widely diverse public venues; often telling a visual story that honors a community's historic journey. Her expertise in rendering highly detailed, high-relief clay brick images has been appreciated both locally in municipal examples of her work that includes the Intermodal Transport Center Walkway Mural in Ft. Worth, Texas, the "Historic Quakertown" at the Denton Civic Center, and "Woman of Justice" inside the Denton Police Station entrance. She has also provided art across the country for corporate clients such as Conoco Oil, Texas Instruments, and Kellogg Foundation Headquarters. The selection of Ms. Collins for the panel on the Police Station exterior will provide a continuity of excellence and rendering between the interior and exterior brick art installations at this facility and will provide an opportunity to tell the history of the department from inception to present day.

Collins earned her BA in Studio Art from San Diego State University and did post-graduate work in ceramics at Texas Woman's University. She is a 2017 Denton's Arts Walk of Fame inductee and continues to sculpt in her Denton studio.

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