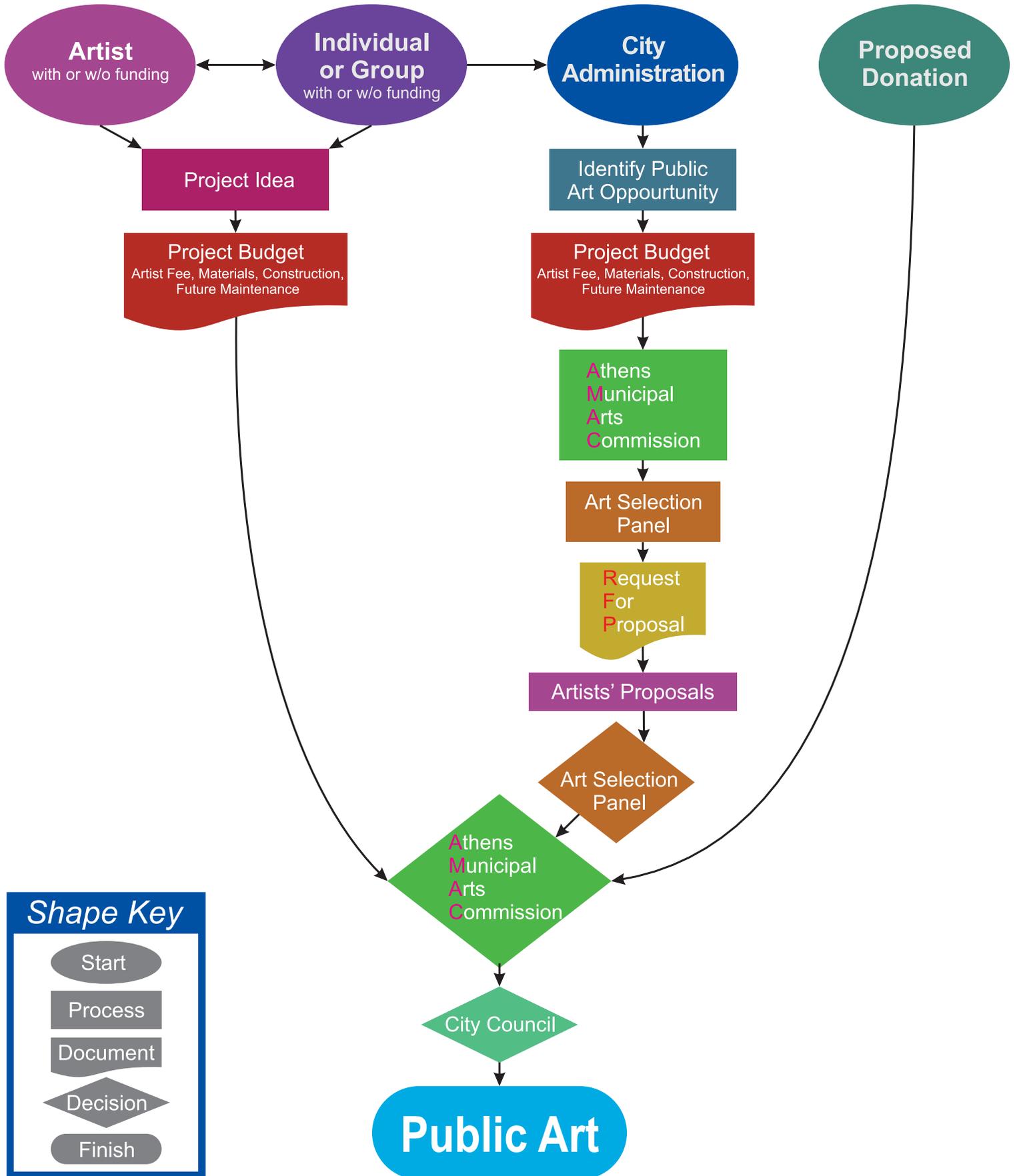


Athens, Ohio Public Art Flow Chart



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Public Art?

Public art is art of any media that has been planned and made to be installed in the physical public domain. Public art is usually accessible to all.

Why have Public Art?

Public art exists for everyone. Public art is a form of collective community expression. Public art can enhance our environment, heighten our awareness, or question our assumptions. Public art reflects our time, place, and how we view the world. Public art expresses our sense of who we are. The interaction between the audience and content, what the art is saying and to whom, is just as if not more important than the arts physical placement.

How is Public Art in Athens, Ohio funded?

Public art is funded through a variety of sources approved by the City Council, including but not limited to: public funds, private contributions, grants, corporate sponsorships, matching gifts, development fees, gifts, fund-raising and funds generated through the City's percent for Art Policy.

How do I Find Out About Public Art Opportunities in Athens, Ohio?

AMAC makes all Request for Proposals available via the City of Athens website (www.ci.athens.oh.us/) and in other print and virtual media in Athens.

What requirements do I need to apply for approval to make some art?

Project ideas and donations for consideration can be delivered to AMAC at any time. Email amac@ci.athens.oh.us for details. Proposals should include an overview with a budget including materials needed, construction details, and an allowance for future maintenance.

For each opportunity identified by the city administration, a request for proposal will be announced. Each request for proposal is unique. Images of previous work and/or details about previous projects is not required, but is beneficial to the Artist Selection Panel.

Do I need previous experience to be selected for a project?

Some public art projects do require a specific level of experience or expertise in a particular medium, however, AMAC encourages artists who have not yet executed a permanent public art project to apply. These artists will need to demonstrate that professional consultation to assist in the design and execution of a project will be procured.

What are the qualifications and selection criteria for Public Art?

Artwork should be of lasting value and artistic merit that will enhance the city's collection. Artwork should be suitable for display to a diverse audience, including children. Artwork should enhance its setting and help to create a sense of place. Artwork for outdoor exhibition should be resistant to theft, vandalism, weathering, and be constructed to avoid extensive maintenance and repair. The City will not consider works that the City determines may pose a threat to public safety or city employees.

How much do Public Artists get paid?

Some people assume that the artist gets all the money budgeted and can do whatever they want with it. This isn't true. The artist receives payment based upon many variables. A professional artist is required to function much like an architect/developer. The artist needs to interact with many others to develop a proposal that fulfills engineering criteria and specifications. The artist may work with other artists, contractors and city officials to create and install the work. Final compensation for the artist equals the artist's commission amount, minus the payment to any third parties that plan, create and install the artwork. It is the responsibility of the artist to outline an accurate budget when making a proposal for public art.

To contact the Athens Municipal Arts Commission, email amac@ci.athens.oh.us