

**CITY OF KENT
Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Kent Arts Commission**

2022 CITY ART PLAN
FIVE YEAR CITY ART PLAN, 2022 – 2026

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NEW PROJECTS	2022 Budget
Community Project Artwork: <i>Kent Creates</i>	4,100
Art Project: <i>Traffic Signal Control Boxes</i>	19,225
Art Project: <i>Kent-Kherson Park – Digital Artwork</i> (\$25,000 reallocated; see below)	0
Art Project: <i>4th Avenue and Willis Greenways Rotating Sculpture Program</i> (\$35,000 reallocated; see below)	0
Portable Collection: <i>Purchases</i>	12,000
Opportunity Fund Allocation	60,075
Collection Maintenance/Programming	20,000
TOTAL 2022 BUDGET FOR 19026223.4310	\$115,400

OTHER EXPENSES

Salary & Administration (supplies, professional services, maintenance/repair) <i>ESTIMATED 1/12/22</i>	\$160,000
TOTAL 2022 BUDGET FOR 10006223.4310	\$160,000

Total \$2 / capita 137,700 x 2	\$275,400
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PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS

Community Art Project: <i>Kent Creates</i> (\$7,900 carried over from 2021)	7,900
Art Project: <i>Traffic Signal Control Boxes</i> (\$12,775 carried over from 2021)	12,775
Art Project: <i>Kent-Kherson Park – Digital Artwork</i> (\$25,000 reassigned from West Fenwick capital artwork allocation)	25,000
Art Project: <i>Willis Greenway Rotating Sculpture Program</i> (\$35,000 reassigned from West Fenwick capital artwork allocation)	35,000
Capital Project Artwork: <i>Kent Valley Loop Trail</i> (\$60,000 approved in previous years)	60,000
Capital Project Artwork: <i>Chestnut Ridge Park</i> (\$78,733 carried over from 2021, Project will be completed spring 2022)	78,733
Collection Maintenance/Programming (\$28,046 carried over from 2021; \$2,480 reassigned from 2021 Mural Project surplus)	30,526
Opportunity fund – capital projects, strategic art acquisition, economic development (\$160,306 carried over from 2021; \$20,000 reassigned from West Fenwick capital artwork allocation)	180,306
Downtown Art Plan and Activation (\$15,000 carried over from 2019)	15,000
Subtotal	\$445,240

TOTAL 2021 Anticipated Expenditures	\$720,640
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**KENT ARTS COMMISSION
2022 CITY ART PLAN NARRATIVE**

Project Title: Community Project Artwork – *Kent Creates*

Project Description: *Kent Creates*, a web platform for sharing art, culture, and creative endeavors, was launched in 2016. The project fosters inclusiveness by highlighting the talent and creativity of the Kent community. Participants upload projects to an automated website. Submissions are reviewed and published on a quarterly basis, with selected projects receiving an honorarium. Projects can fall within the traditional arts (poetry, painting, music); the community arts (culinary arts, fiber arts, metal arts); and the unexpected. Participants submit a description of their project that will provide information and inspire other Kent residents to get creative.

Estimated Costs: \$12,000 (\$4,000 for honorariums, \$5,500 for maintenance/hosting, \$2,500 contingency/additional infrastructure and interface updates)

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$4,100
2021 City Art Plan: \$7,900

City Partner: Information Technology

Background: Nationally, arts organizations are changing how they interact with the community. Traditionally, we have been presenters of arts programs, but we also want to provide platforms for collaboration. *Kent Creates* allows people in Kent to share their creativity with one another.

Location: Online

Project Title: Art Project – *Traffic Signal Control Box Art Wraps*

Project Description: In 2017, Kent Arts Commission staff worked with the Police Department, Economic Development, and Public Works to identify utility/signal boxes to wrap with artwork (printed on vinyl) to deter graffiti. Building on the success of the five boxes that were part of the 2017 pilot project, the Kent Arts Commission commissioned eight boxes/artworks in 2018 and 2019. Another nine boxes/artworks were added in 2021. Eight boxes are planned for 2022. (Moving forward, this project will alternate years with the Downtown Rotating Mural Program.)

Estimated Costs: \$32,000 (Approx. \$3,600/box, 8 boxes projected in '22 + contingency)

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$19,225
2021 City Art Plan: \$12,775

City Partner: Public Works, ECD

Background: Many cities are using vinyl artwork wraps on utility/signal boxes to beautify their communities and to defer graffiti. Local examples are Shoreline and Federal Way.

Location(s): Varied/TBD

Project Title: Art Project – *Kent-Kherson Park/Digital Artwork*

Project Description: Parks Planning and Development will complete construction on a newly renovated, space-themed park at 307 West Gowe Street (Kent-Kherson Park). The park design includes a Lunar Rover replica, a life-sized astronaut, and a large screen with projection capabilities. The Arts Commission will provide artistic content for the projection component by sharing artwork submitted through the Kent Creates digital platform and/or by commissioning new artwork from digital/video specific artists.

Estimated Costs: \$25,000 (including artist fees and a contracted project manager/curator)

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$0
2021 City Art Plan: \$25,000 (reassigned from West Fenwick Park capital artwork allocation)

City Partner: Parks Planning and Development

Background: The newly renovated park aims to celebrate our region's legacy of aero and outer space innovation by memorializing its role in space exploration. We believe this is an excellent opportunity to spotlight the creativity of Kent residents and digital artists.

Location: Kent-Kherson Park, 307 West Gowe Street

Project Title: Art Project – *4th Avenue and Willis Greenways Rotating Sculpture Program*

Project Description: The Parks Department is constructing greenways to the north and south of Willis St. at the 4th Ave. and Willis St. roundabout. These areas will provide welcoming gateways and increase connectivity through streetscape amenities, trees and vegetated buffers, lighting, promenades and walkways, and artwork. The Arts Commission will implement a rotating sculpture program in which sculptures will remain in place for a one to two-year cycle using two structural footing pads already installed as part of the construction.

Estimated Costs: \$35,000 (including artist fees, potential purchase awards, and a contracted project manager/curator)

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$0
2021 City Art Plan: \$35,000 (reassigned from West Fenwick Park capital artwork allocation)

City Partner: Parks Planning and Development

Background: The Kent Downtown Reactivation & Access Project is a multi-phased project coordinated between the Public Works and Parks Departments. Benefits of the sculpture program include: Adding interest/energy to the site (updated every two years); high visibility; potential for expansion; opportunity to create a permanent sculpture gallery through purchase awards.

Location: 4th Avenue and Willis north and south Greenways

Project Title: Summer Art Exhibit Purchase Program

Project Description: Purchase quality artworks from area artists that enhance the value of the City Portable Art collection. The artworks are exhibited in publicly accessible areas of City facilities, helping to beautify Kent. Budget for artwork purchases ensures high quality of applicants to Summer Art Exhibit and allows for more strategic purchases.

Estimated Costs: \$12,000

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$12,000

City Partner: Facilities

Background: The City of Kent Arts Commission collection of portable artwork includes a variety of two-dimensional artworks. Artwork is acquired through the Kent Summer Art Exhibit purchase award program. The portable collection introduces art into areas where the community does business. A work environment that includes amenities such as art has been shown to increase productivity and job satisfaction, but the primary purpose is serving the public.

Location: City of Kent facilities

Project Title: Opportunity fund (capital projects, strategic art acquisition, economic development implementation)

Project Description: Identify and implement art project(s) to address City and community goals. This funding allows the Arts Commission to incorporate significant artwork into capital projects, acquire artwork for specific locations or needs, and contribute artwork to implementation of the City of Kent Economic Development Plan. Possibilities include projects in partnership with Economic Development and/or the Kent Downtown Partnership and acquiring artwork to strategically build the City's collection. The Arts Commission also has an interest in pursuing a major artwork in 2026 to commemorate the United States of America's 250th anniversary.

Estimated Costs: \$240,381

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$60,075
2021 City Art Plan: \$160,306 (Opp. Fund carry-over)
2021 City Art Plan: \$20,000 (reassigned from West Fenwick Park capital artwork allocation)

City Partner: Economic Development, Parks Planning and Development

Background: Kent Arts Commission staff continues on-going discussions with Economic Development staff about ways to partner and use art to achieve community Economic Development goals. The Kent Downtown Partnership has a renewed interest in incorporating more art in downtown Kent, providing more potential partnership opportunities.

Location(s): TBD

Project Title: Collection Maintenance and Programming

Project Description: Projects include outdoor sculpture maintenance and collection repair, helping to sustain existing assets. Projects in 2022 may include restoration and relocation of *Railroad Yard* mural at Titus Railroad Park (Mary Iverson, 2006); assessment of *Daily Migration* train corridor sculptures (Dos Remedios, 2005); and various repair and maintenance projects.

Estimated Costs: \$50,526

Funding Source: 2022 City Art Plan: \$20,000
2021 City Art Plan Carry Over: \$30,526

Background: This fund may be used for maintaining and providing programming for existing artworks.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS

Project Title: Capital Project Artwork(s) – *Kent Valley Loop Trail (KVLT)*

Project Description: The Parks Department has long-term plans to create a Kent Valley Loop Trail system. This system of varying length trails along the Green River will link Riverview Park (yet to be constructed), Foster Park, Van Doren’s Landing, and Boeing Rock. In collaboration with Parks Planning and Development staff, the Kent Arts Commission has identified an opportunity to create a permanent outdoor sculpture gallery through this trail system. This project ties directly to the plan to establish a *4th Avenue and Willis Greenways Rotating Sculpture Program*. Potential purchases from the rotating sculpture program will populate the permanent sculpture gallery along the KVLT. Another possible project may include a mural on the 212th industrial building development. Kent Arts Commission staff is in conversations with ECD staff to gauge the interest of the developer in such a project.

Estimated Costs: \$60,000

Funding Source: 2021 City Art Plan Carry Over: \$60,000

City Partner(s): Parks Planning and Development, Economic and Community Development

Background: The vision for the KVLT is to enhance recreation opportunities at Kent’s river-front parks and along the Green River Trail that connects them. Integrating public art tourism draw. Parks Planning and Development contracted with Berger Partnership to develop a Master Plan for the project in 2013. Through a competitive selection process, the Arts Commission selected Ellen Sollod to serve as the artist representative on the planning team and to create an art plan for the KVLT.

Location: Kent Valley Loop Trail/parks along Green River

Project Title: Capital Project Artwork: *Chestnut Ridge Park Renovation*

Project Description: Parks Planning and Development is renovating Chestnut Ridge Park in 2022. The park will include a playground expansion and open lawn areas well-suited for a sculptural art installation. The Arts Commission selected and contracted Scott Trimble of WST Studios to create artwork for the park. Two sculptural seating structures will encourage exploration of the site and enjoyment of the expansive views the park offers of the Kent Valley and Olympic Mountains.

Estimated Costs: \$78,733 of \$88,733 contract remaining

Funding Source: 2021 City Art Plan: \$78,733

City Partner: Parks Planning and Development

Background: Chestnut Ridge is a neighborhood park including a picnic shelter and grill, play equipment, parking, and restrooms. Existing public art includes Peter Reiquam’s “Produce Truck Weather Vane.”

Location: Chestnut Ridge Park, 9901 South 203rd Street

Project Title: Downtown Art Plan and Activation

Project Description: The Kent Arts Commission received funding from 4Culture’s 2019 Creative Consultancies program, which matches artists/creative consultants with municipalities to address a variety of challenges throughout the region.

The Kent Arts Commission was paired with Lucia Neare to develop a downtown arts and culture plan for Kent, as well as to implement one or more art activation activities. With new development and increased energy around revitalizing downtown Kent, there are a variety of organizations and individuals with interest in incorporating art and culture. Developing a plan will allow all stakeholders to have ownership and to move forward with a common vision. The project has involved collaboration with the Kent Downtown Partnership, private property and business owners; various city departments; and representatives from various cultural communities in Kent. Relationships have been forged and focus groups were planned to convene in 2020. The COVID pandemic stalled this project and the future of the program is uncertain with 4Culture.

Estimated Costs: \$15,000 remaining

Funding Source: 2019 City Art Plan: \$15,000

City Partner: Potentially Economic Development, Parks Planning and Development

Background: Currently there are a variety of programs and projects in place in the downtown core, including portions of the City’s award-winning public art collection, the City’s Centennial Center Gallery, Kent Downtown Partnership/private art installations, the 3rd Thursday Art Walk, Kent Summer Concerts, library programs, and two new art studio spaces. It is exciting to see so much happening in the way of arts and culture in downtown Kent, but the current approach is scattershot and not united by a common vision. The focus of working with a creative consultant will be to bring stakeholders together to develop a unified vision and an actionable plan for using art and culture to transform downtown Kent into the heart of our diverse community.

KENT ARTS COMMISSION CITY ART 5 YEAR PLAN: 2022 – 2026

2022 PROJECTS	COSTS
Projects	115,400
Community Project Artwork: Kent Creates	4,100
Art Project: Traffic Signal Control Box Art Wraps	19,225
Art Project: Kent-Kherson Park/Digital Artwork	0
Art Project: 4 th Ave. & Willis St. Rotating Sculpture Program	0
Portable Collection Purchases	12,000
Opportunity Fund	60,075
Collection maintenance and programming	20,000
Administration/Maintenance	160,000
Total	\$275,400

2023 PROJECTS	COSTS
Projects	115,400
Capital Project Artwork(s): TBD	40,000
Art Project: Downtown Rotating Murals	35,000
Community Project Artwork: Kent Creates	15,000
Portable Collection Purchases	12,000
Collection maintenance and programming	13,400
Administration/Maintenance	<u>160,000</u>
Total	\$275,400

2024 PROJECTS	COSTS
Projects	118,000
Art Project: 4 th Ave. & Willis St. Rotating Sculpture Program	35,000
Art Project: Traffic Signal Control Box Art Wraps	32,000
Capital Project artwork(s): 1 st Avenue Pocket Park	20,000
Portable Collection Purchases	12,000
Community Project Artwork: Kent Creates	15,000
Collection maintenance and programming	4,000
Administration/Maintenance	<u>162,000</u>
Total	\$280,000

2025 PROJECTS	COSTS
Projects	118,000
Capital Project artwork(s): TBD/America's 250 th	50,000
Art Project: Downtown Rotating Murals	35,000
Portable Collection Purchases	15,000
Community Project Artwork Kent Creates	15,000
Collection maintenance and programming	3,000
Administration/Maintenance	<u>162,000</u>
Total	\$280,000

2026 PROJECTS	COSTS
Projects	118,000
Art Project: 4 th Ave. & Willis St. Rotating Sculpture Program	35,000
Art Project: Traffic Signal Control Box Art Wraps	32,000
Capital Project artwork(s) TBD/America's 250 th	25,000
Portable Collection Purchases	10,000
Community Project Artwork: Kent Creates	15,000
Collection maintenance and programming	1,000
Administration/Maintenance	<u>162,000</u>
Total	\$261,200