

Special Events Community Arts Commission

2024 Annual Report

2024 Accomplishments

- Recommended \$1,048,711 in CY24 SECA funding allocations to City Council, revising the unified funding recommendation twice due to event cancellations
- Set-aside and awarded \$23,500 for new public art projects: (1) DuPage Hispanic Alliance “Cultural Identity” mural at Nichols Library, (2) “Olmec Trails” statues at Nichols and 95th Street Libraries, (3) Main Street Annual Public Art Mural at 222 S. Main Street
- Assisted SECA grant recipients by reviewing and approving multiple change-of-scope requests, including successful completion of the Richard Lo mural at the DuPage Children’s Museum
- Collaborated with public art working groups to ultimately result in the formation of ARTFORUM, a partnership for public art in Naperville
- Implemented improvements to the SECA grant application process including in-person mandatory meetings and adding SECA recognition requirement to the Final Report forms
- Reviewed 84 CY25 SECA Applications and recommended \$1,097,762 in CY25 SECA Funding allocations to City Council

2024 Challenges

- New SECA Commission staff liaison
- Vetting and approving public art funding requests throughout the year
- Discussing and determining SECA Commission’s role in the formation of ARTFORUM partnership and the future of public art in Naperville

2025 Upcoming Work

- Continue to review and improve the SECA Grant Fund application, review and award processes and procedures
- Advocate for additional SECA funding to address significant increases in City Services expenses for special event applicants