



COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY

Fine Arts Exhibition Program Policy

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Director of Community Services

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Irvine's (City) Community Services Department administers the City's Fine Arts division, which includes programming, education, and art exhibitions. The purpose of this policy is to outline the scope of the Community Services Fine Arts Exhibition Program (Program). The Program is limited to art exhibitions offered at sites owned and/or operated by the City.

2.0 MISSION

The Program's mission is to exhibit works of art within City facilities that are broad and diverse in their appeal, inspirational to viewers, and foster creativity and appreciation for artistic expression.

3.0 POLICY

The Program will present art works within City facilities created by local, regional, national, and international artists to benefit the community and provide accessibility to visual, literary, and performing arts. The Program is committed to advancing the concepts of artistic communication, unique public spaces, civic engagement, and cultural significance.

3.1 Curatorial Process and Selection Criteria

The Program may employ a variety of methods and processes towards the selection and exhibition of art work within City facilities, depending on the venue's artistic intent and vision. Under the Program, art work presented to the public is curated, in that it undergoes a process overseen by trained and experienced City arts staff to ensure its suitability for display.

Artwork for exhibitions are solicited through an open proposal process or through an invitation to artists whose work meets a pre-selected art exhibition theme. Artists interested in displaying their work may submit a program proposal for consideration by the City's exhibition program staff. Program proposals are reviewed annually for consideration in the exhibition program schedule.

Criteria to be considered during the selection of artwork for City exhibitions include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Artistic quality and integrity
- Adherence to the standards of authenticity, craftsmanship, design, and presentation
- Community and venue audience appropriateness
- Vision and/or intent of the City facility
- Scale
- Regional or national reputation of the artist
- Financial viability and scheduling opportunities
- Ability to contribute to the local, regional, national, and international contemporary or cultural dialogue
- Encouragement of community engagement and participation in the arts
- Contribution to the contemporary or cultural landscape of Orange County

The City reserves the right to not display artwork or other items containing explicit sexual imagery, nudity, graphic depictions of violence, or any item that creates a hostile work environment for City facility employees.

The City retains the authority to make the final determination on which works are displayed and reserves the right to exclude or remove at any time any work deemed unsuitable or inconsistent with Program objectives. Cause for exclusion or removal may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Community and venue audience appropriateness
- Poor craftsmanship
- Significant departure from proposal or design
- Significant departure from curatorial theme
- Safety and operational concerns
- Conflict with the City's Mission or Values

3.2 City Facilities with Art Exhibition Opportunities

City facilities that provide art exhibition opportunities include, but are not limited to:

Irvine Fine Arts Center

Exhibitions are typically contemporary and cultural in nature, and showcase local and regional artists and are designed to expand community awareness, understanding, and sensitivity to art, and provide leisurely viewing enjoyment.

Orange County Great Park Palm Court Arts Complex (Gallery, Artist Studios, Hangar 244)

Arts programming at the OCGP follow four Guiding Principles which are Community Engagement, Multi-disciplinary Programming, Diverse Themes, and Partnerships.

Exhibition offerings include the following:

- Great Park Gallery exhibitions showcase work from nationally and internationally recognized artists and curated themes designed to attract a diverse audience.

- Artist Studios exhibitions support regional collaborations with academic institutions and arts organizations.
- Hangar 244 programming is dedicated to exhibiting site-specific art, and sharing the stories from the area's agricultural roots through existence of the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.

Irvine Civic Center

Exhibitions serve to promote local artists and art activities offered by the City and showcases the work of local artists and Fine Arts Center participants and instructors.

3.3 Publicity

The City reserves the right to photograph and reproduce photographs of loaned art for educational and publicity purposes and for use in any printed material produced related to the exhibition.

3.4 Sales

The sale of artwork may be permitted, but will not be promoted. Art sales are subject to the terms defined in the Loan Agreement.

4.0 **REFERENCES**

- Exhibition Proposal Form
- Loan Agreement
- Group Loan Agreement