

MEMORANDUM



TO: Business & Economic Development Committee
FROM: Caitlin Brooke, Business Development
Specialist/Downtown Coordinator
DATE: January 6, 2014

Commission on Cultural Development Individual Artist Grant Recommendation

At its December 11, 2014 meeting, the Commission recommended that the Bangor City Council approve an Individual Artist Grant application it has received from Ms. Anna Hepler.

A Maine artist, Ms. Hepler requests funds to support the construction of a public art installation in the Kenduskeag Stream, outside of the University of Maine Art Museum in downtown Bangor. The piece will be on view to the public from June 2015 until late September 2015, and will coincide with the University of Maine Art Museum's exhibition featuring Hepler's work.

The proposed sculpture is an abstracted buoy made from fiberglass. The piece will measure approximately 8 x 9 x 10 feet. It will be anchored in the Kenduskeag, and appear and disappear from ground level with the rising and falling 16 foot tides.

The artist will secure any necessary permits or approvals for installation of the work in the Kenduskeag Stream, and we have already facilitated discussions with the City's Environmental Coordinator who has indicated she has no objections or concerns.

An excerpt from Ms. Hepler's grant application: Waterways are rarely used as sites for artwork though we revel in the dark mystery of them and the romance of floating upon them. Here in Maine, many-colored lobster buoys ornament the ports and shallow waters up and down the coast. With the beauty of those familiar forms in mind, I propose to make a monumental floating sculpture that punctuates and transforms the Kenduskeag Stream as it passes by the University of Maine Museum of Art in downtown Bangor. The proposed sculptural buoy will have a life of its own; shifting position with the tide, and shifting its presence with the changing atmospheric conditions.

Anna Hepler's application was for \$1,000. The Commission's recommendation to the City Council is to award a grant for the full amount requested. If the project is funded by the Council at the recommended levels, the Commission will have \$7,081 of available funds remaining for this fiscal year.