



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: HEATHER LYONS, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

DATE: JUNE 27, 2022

**SUBJECT: Donation of Funds – John Henry Piece Installation at Central Bank
Center**

Request:

Request Council authorization to donate \$25,000 in Percent for Art funds to Central Bank Center to assist in the installation of John Henry's *Publisher* at Central Bank Center. The piece is currently located at Ashland – The Henry Clay Estate.

Why are you requesting?

Neighbors near Ashland have expressed concern about the piece's current location, and Central Bank Center has expressed serious interest in purchasing the piece and installing it on the north plaza of Central Bank Center. These funds would go directly toward installation of the piece. The Public Arts Commission voted unanimously to recommend \$25,000 of Percent for Art funds be used for this project.

The overall cost of the project will exceed \$450,000. Central Bank Center, Visit Lex, the Downtown Lexington Management District, and private donors will fund the remainder of the project.

Publisher was created by Lexington-born sculptor, John Henry. Henry is an artist of international significance whose work and 55-year career stretches across five continents. He studied at the University of Kentucky and later received a BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago. He received a Doctor of Arts Degree from the University of Kentucky in 1996. Henry has produced many monumental and large-scaled works of art for museums, cities and public institutions across the United States, Europe and Asia.



What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

LFUCG's contribution to the project will be \$25,000 from the Percent for Art fund.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes.

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Director/Commissioner: Heather Lyons/Tyler Scott

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