



# 2026 PUBLIC ART PLAN

## Overview

The City of Redmond is nearing completion of a comprehensive update to its Public Art Plan, establishing a strategic framework to guide public art investment, governance, and reinforcing Redmond's vision to make art and creativity integral to civic life—supporting local artists, fostering identity, and integrating public art across City systems.

The Plan is organized around three framework goals:

- **Citywide Public Art** — Integrates public art into parks, trails, streets, bridges, and capital projects so it becomes part of how the city is built and experienced daily. Prioritizes highly visible locations, neighborhood gathering spaces, and infrastructure projects, with a pathway for private development to contribute to the citywide network.
- **Arts Ecosystem** — Supports artists through coordinated pathways at every career stage, from training and temporary projects to permanent commissions.
- **City Systems** — Establishes clear governance, stable funding, and streamlined processes to support consistent program delivery and long-term stewardship of the public art collection. Includes updated acquisition policy, collection management, and cross-department coordination.

## Progress to date:

*Timeline:*

- *June 2025: Planning process begins*
- *July – December 2025: Community engagement*
- *Spring 2026: Draft plan development and staff refinement*
- *June 9, 2026: City Council Study Session*

*Feedback Summary:*

- *91% of questionnaire respondents agreed that public art is important to their experience of the city*
- *82% prefer art created by local artists with a community connection*
- *Community priorities include art that reflects cultural diversity, supports gathering, activates everyday spaces, and supports local artists*

## Outreach Methods and Results

- *461 questionnaire responses (368 complete, 93 partial)*
- *More than 26 stakeholder interviews with artists, staff, organizations, businesses, regional partners, and elected officials*
- *More than 15 staff meetings and presentations to boards and advisory groups, including RACC, PTRC, SAC, and RYPAC*
- *In-person outreach at Derby Days and Downtown Redmond Art Walk*
- *A Creative Economy focus group with artists and cultural sector representatives*

*Next:*

- *Council Study Session presentation and input — June 9, 2026.*
- *Incorporate Council feedback and finalize the plan.*