MAYOR'S OFFICE OF

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

A creative environment for all of Houston to share.

COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

Mini Murals

The Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Art Program brings public art to neighborhoods. Over 170 Mini Murals have been installed in the city and 4 new Mini Murals are coming to each pilot Complete Community area. Working with UP Art Studios, residents will tell us about their community and help select locations for custom murals.

Civic Art

The Civic Art Program is one of many tools the City uses to invest in the cultural development of the community. The Civic Art Program includes mosaics, sculptures, paintings, photographs and more. A NEW Civic Art project will be commissioned in each Complete Community and developed in consultation with area residents.

Visit My Neighborhood

Lead organizations located in each Complete Community are partnering with Houston Arts Alliance to expand arts and cultural experiences for residents and visitors based on the knowledge and expertise of the community-based organizations. An art writer fellowship will document the program to showcase the arts, cultural and heritage resources and activities in each community.

R.A.P. – Resident Artists Program *FUNDED BY THE NEA

R.A.P. is a pilot program pairing three artists with City and partner agencies to create art addressing issues of community development, veterans, immigrants and refugees. Residents in Near Northside, Third Ward and Gulfton will have the opportunity to engage with respective project artists Emanuelee Outspoken Bean, Phillip Pyle, II and Eepi Chaad over a 16-week period.

Poet Laureate Program Workshops

Determined to **E**xcel in **E**verything **P**romised, Houston Poet Laureate Deborah "D.E.E.P" Mouton is an internationally-known artist who takes poetry from the page to the stage. Residents will have a special opportunity to engage with D.E.E.P during youth workshops or a series celebrating women in the challenges they face, the struggles they overcome and the impact they make.

Neighborhood Poetry Project

As part of her city-wide performance poetry project—Emerge Houston, Poet Laureate Deborah Mouton is working alongside 48 area poets to tell stories of their neighborhoods by creating original poems. Twelve compilation videos featuring the poems will be produced and shared for promotion. Residents will help select a poet from their community for the project.