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May 2, 2023

The Honorable Detroit City Council  
**ATTN: City Clerk Office**  
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit MI 48226

**RE: Request to accept a donation of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue to be installed at Hart Plaza**

Beechtree Diagnostics LLP has awarded a donation of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue, valued at \$2,000,000.00, to the City of Detroit General Services Department, to be installed at Hart Plaza. There is no match requirement for this donation. The total project cost is \$2,000,000.00.

The objective of the donation to the department is to install a bronze statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Hart Plaza. The statue is intended to commemorate Dr. King's iconic "I have a dream" speech.

I respectfully ask your approval to accept this donation in accordance with the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Terri Daniels*  
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Terri Daniels  
Director of Grants, Office of Development and Grants

DocuSigned by:  
*Donald R Johnson*  
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Office of Budget

CC:  
Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, Grants



## Office of Development and Grants

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### RESOLUTION

**Council Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the General Services Department has been awarded a donation of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue, from Beechtree Diagnostics LLP, to be installed at Hart Plaza, valued at \$2,000,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this request has been approved by the Office of Budget; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Services Department is hereby authorized to accept a donation of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue, to be installed at Hart Plaza.



GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
**Parks & Recreation  
Division**

## Donation Authorization Form Applicant Section

AIM Code	DPRD Prop #	Request tracking #
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### FORM PURPOSE

This form is for individuals or organizations who wish to donate labor, artwork, or funding to physically improve or enhance a City park or recreation center. The information provided on this form will be used to evaluate the proposed donation to determine if the donation can be accepted by the City. All fields not in *italics* are required.

### REQUESTOR INFORMATION

<i>Organization Name:</i> Beechtree Diagnostics	Contact Name: Mike Murano
Address: 12351 S Gateway Park Pl, D700, Draper UT 84020	Phone: 8013622260
Email: mikemurano@me.com	<i>Website:</i> www.btdlab.com
Preferred contact method: e-mail	Organization type: Medical Laboratory

### DONATION INFORMATION

Park/Rec Facility Name: Detroit Parks and Rec	Address: 115 Erskine St, Detroit MI 48201
<i>Specific location at the property (if needed for clarity):</i> Hart Plaza Park	
Estimated value (including all costs incurred): \$ 2,000,000	
How is this project funded? Privately	
<p>Improvement Type:</p> <p><b>Please note all Improvements require supporting documentation, see below list with links to the materials.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Physical Improvement (Select all that apply.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Structure/Facility (may require BSEED permits)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Signage (may require BSEED permit)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Artwork</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Improvement</p> <p><b>Will this project host an event of more than 25 or more people in the proposed park?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (requires Events Permit)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Please include a brief narrative of the donation.

1 1/2 life size Martin Luther King, Jr "I have a dream" bronze statue.

**PROJECT DOCUMENTS/SITE PLAN(S)**



Please attach the following required documents here: gift letter, site plan, pictures, scope, and specifications, plus maintenance agreement if applicable:

Attached

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Please specify what the proposed responsibilities would be of the applicant, the City or others that are associated with this project. Your application will be reviewed by City staff from each area, starting with a Landscape Architect to review or help you with design and ensure it meets City safety standards.

Who is responsible for the Planning and Design?  CITY  APPLICANT  OTHER  N/A

Explanation:

Atlas Bronze Casting, Stan Watts Artist

Who is responsible for Construction (labor/material/permits/insurance)?  CITY  APPLICANT  OTHER  N/A

Explanation:

Ready to install

What is the timeline of construction/completion for this donation project? (Project must commence within 90 days of application approval, unless extension requested.)

Explanation:

Atlas Bronze Casting, Stan Watts Artist

Who is responsible for Cleanup, and Restoration if required?  CITY  APPLICANT  OTHER  N/A

Explanation:

Statue has a 20 year lacquer and should require no maintenance other than occasional hosing of of dust or debris.

What are the scheduled Maintenance Requirements for the improvement, and who would be responsible for doing them?

CITY  APPLICANT  OTHER  N/A

Explanation:

NA

**\*AFTER CITY REVIEW, THE FORM WILL ROUTE BACK FOR APPLICANT APPROVAL. PLEASE CLICK THE FINISH BUTTON TO SUBMIT.**



GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
**Parks & Recreation  
Division**

# Donation Authorization Form City Section

**This section of the form is for internal City use only.**

It is used to review and analyze proposals pending a recommendation to proceed.

**Administrative Input (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)**

Any previous experience with this applicant?  
Describe: we have been working with the applicant on this donation for a few months.

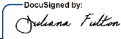
Park Partnership / Community Group Affiliation?  YES  NO  
Describe: None

Does this project require a maintenance agreement or MOU?  YES  NO

Conditional input:  Facilities  Recreation

Has the appropriate gift letter, site plan and supplemental materials been provided?  YES  NO  N/A

Other comments:  
The statue is going to Hart Plaza Park (161 West Jefferson).

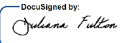
**Administrator Name:** Juliana Fulton **Signature:**  **Date:** 1/26/2023

**Landscape Architect Input (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)**

**Donation Decision:** Approved

Asset Value: \$2,000,000      Asset Life Cycle: 20 years

Conditions of Approval:  
None

**Landscape Architect Name:** Juliana Fulton **Signature:**  **Date:** 4/3/2023 | 12:19:54 PM

***PDU Input*** (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)

**Donation Decision:** Approved

Conditions of Approval:

Full approval.

**PDU Name:** David Sumner

**Signature:**  DocuSigned by:  
David Sumner  
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**Date:** 4/3/2023 | 5:30:55 PM EDT

***Grounds Input*** (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)

**Donation Decision:** Approved

Conditions of Approval:

Full approval

Full approval

**Grounds Name:** Rosemary Edwards

**Signature:**  DocuSigned by:  
Rosemary Edwards  
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**Date:** 4/11/2023 | 6:33:48 AM PDT

***Facilities Input*** (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)

**Donation Decision:**

Conditions of Approval:

**Facilities Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Recreation Input (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)**

**Donation Decision:**

Conditions of Approval:

**Recreation Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

By submitting this request, the undersigned certify(ies) as follows:

1. I/we have the authority to execute this Authorization Form on behalf of myself and the organization named herein;
2. I/we will abide by all rules and policies of the City of Detroit and the General Services Department's Parks and Recreation Division.
3. I/we commit to completing the proposed donation/project within a year of Authorization Form approval. If the project is not complete within a year from approval I/we will reach out to the General Services Department for an approval extension. If an extension is not requested within 30 days of the one year lapse of Authorization Form approval, a new Donation Authorization Form must be submitted, and the process for approval will start over.
4. All of the information submitted in this Authorization Form is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge;
5. The purpose of this Authorization Form is to provide the Parks and Recreation Division with enough information about the donation(s) described herein needed for prior approval of the donation(s);
6. I/We will defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the City of Detroit, its officers, employees, and agents against and from any and all liabilities, obligations, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges, and expenses (including without limitation, fees and expenses of attorneys, expert witnesses and other consultants) which may be imposed upon, incurred by, or asserted against myself/us and/or the City of Detroit by reason of or resulting from my/our use of the property, project, or improvements described in this Authorization Form.
7. We acknowledge that all donations are subject to the prior approval by resolution of the Detroit City Council.
8. I/We acknowledge the approved or denied terms of the review donation project as listed below:

**Project Conditions required for approval:**

None

Project Requires City Council approval prior to implementation (submission will be done by GSD/the City).

Project Condition Terms Denied by Applicant

Project Approved Conditions Accepted by Applicant

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** MICHAEL T MURANO

**On behalf of Organization:** Beechtree Diagnostics LLP

**Date:** 4/12/2023 | 8:39:11 AM PDT

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**DIRECTOR AUTHORIZATION (ALL ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM. PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW.)**

Completed by the City of Detroit.

**Donation Decision:** Approved

Conditions of Approval:

**Director Name:** Crystal Perkins

**Signature:**  61001524D70D41B...

**Date:** 4/13/2023 | 10:35:32 AM EDT





Gift Letter for Artwork

12/22/22

Brad Dick, Group Executive  
Detroit Parks and Recreation Division  
115 Erskine St.  
Detroit, MI 48201

Dear Brad:

On behalf of the LabPartner LLC dba Beechtree Diagnostics LLP we are writing to offer the donation of Martin Luther King Jr, "I have a Dream" at place to be determined by Detroit Parks and Recreation Division. The costs, approximately \$2,000,000 are being borne by the group mentioned above.

Donation is made as of the above date and improvements will take place on in conjunction with working with the Parks Division, presumably in the first half of 2023. We have worked with community representatives to ensure these improvements are desired.

The sculpture has had a 20-year lacquer applied and should require no maintenance. Any additional need for maintenance will be provided by Atlas Bronze Casting to maintain this site for the next five years.

Martin Luther King Jr. standing at a lectern speaking. His right hand is raised gesturing towards the sky his left hand clutches the lectern. The detail is amazing, even the folds in king's suit look natural as he raises his hand.

As a gift, the ownership rights to the sculpture will be transferred entirely to the city. Any rights to the sculpture, by the artists, or their descendants will be transferred in their entirety to the City of Detroit.

We respectfully request your authorization to accept and install the Martin Luther King Jr, "I have a Dream" with a waiver of reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Murano  
President

Artist Stan Watts  
Atlas Bronze Casting, 5213 W Lightning Lane, Kearns UT 84118 • 801-750-3851

# Appraisal Report

LabPartner LLC

**File #123112621**

**Prepared by:**

Jerry Erkelens, Certified Master Appraiser, IRS Compliant  
Intermountain Auction and Appraisal  
P. O. Box 35  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110  
(801) 322-4181

**Member:** Certified Appraisers Guild of America

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## **Summary**

On December 15, 2022, at the request of LabPartner LLC, I personally inspected the MLK statue in this report.

## **Value**

### Fair Market Value

The Fair Market Value for the property in total is:  
\$2,000,000.00

This is not the appraisal report. The appraisal report must be read in its entirety.

## **Analysis**

### **Artist**

Stan Watts is a world renowned Utah sculptor. His work is displayed in important venues across the United States. His statue of George Washington is on display at Valley Forge. His larger than life statue of Joseph and Hyrum Smith on horseback stands in front of the LDS Nauvoo Temple. His "To Lift a Nation - Hope Rising" depicting firefighters raising the American flag at ground zero on 9-11 is on display at the National Firefighters museum. One of his many statues of Lincoln is on display at Gettysburg. The list goes on and on. Stan is a gifted sculptor. His attention to detail sets him apart from other sculptors working today.

### **Condition**

The condition of this sculpture is perfect. It depicts Martin Luther King Jr. standing at a lectern speaking. His right hand is raised gesturing towards the sky his left clutches the lectern. The detail is amazing, even the folds in king's suit look natural as he raises his hand. A friend of Dr. King said "this sculpture captures king perfectly". When I see this sculpture I can almost hear King's deep resonant voice.

### **Buyers**

Because Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was our most important civil rights leader buyers could be easily found for this statue. I would think, that every law school, every court house and every city hall would be better with this reminder of what he represents, equality and justice under the law. This is an important sculpture.

### **Demand**

I believe that King's popularity makes the demand for this sculpture very high. The near perfect likeness of Dr. King, both in appearance and stature, make this a very desirable sculpture.

## Conditions of Appraisal

The value stated in this Appraisal Report is based on the best judgment of the appraiser given the facts and conditions available at the date of the valuation.

The use of the report is limited to the purpose of determining the value of personal property for Charitable Deduction purposes.

Any additional research or testimony required by the client or the court will be billed at the current rates.

Disclosure of the contents of the report is governed by the Standards and Practices of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America.

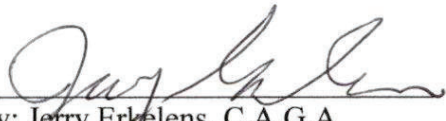
## Certification of Report

Neither Jerry Erkelens, Intermountain Auction and Appraisal nor any of its employees have any present or future interest in the subject property. No prohibited fee was assessed for this report.

Jerry Erkelens of Intermountain Auction and Appraisal has successfully completed the personal property appraiser certification program with the Certified Appraisers Guild of America and is a member in good standing. This report was prepared in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and with the Standards and Practices of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America which has review authority of this report.

The appraiser understands that a substantial or gross valuation misstatement resulting from an appraisal of the value of property that the appraiser knows, or reasonably should have known, would be used in connection with a return or claim for refund, may subject the appraiser to a civil penalty under § 6695A.

Jerry Erkelens has personally examined the subject property. The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the appraiser.

  
By: Jerry Erkelens, C.A.G.A  
Intermountain Auction and Appraisal  
Tax ID # 83-4172686

## **Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to determine the value for Charitable Deduction purposes for LabPartner LLC.

## **Method of Valuation**

The method of valuation used for this appraisal is the Fair Market Value.

## **Definition of Value**

### Fair Market Value

Under the United States Treasury regulation 1.170-1c Fair Market value is defined as:

The price at which the property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under compulsion to buy or compulsion to sell and both having reasonable knowledge.

## **Basis of Appraisal**

### Valuation Date

The date of valuation for determining the value estimation is March 30, 2022.

### Date Appraisal Conducted

This appraisal was conducted on March 15, 2022.

### Limitations of Property

There were no limitations on use or disposition of this property.

### Description

An itemized list with descriptions is in Appendix A.



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**Professional Membership**

Member of Certified Appraiser Guild of America ( CAGA )  
Member of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers  
Member of Call Makers and Collectors Association

**Professional Designation**

Certified Appraiser with ( CAGA )

**Education & Special Training**

Certified Appraisers Guild of America school for appraisers - Certified - IRS Compliant  
ASA Training  
Appraisal Standards Board Uniform Standards of Professional Practice and Testing - Passed  
Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice - Certified - IRS Compliant  
Missouri Auction School  
Art and Art History U of U

**Experience**

I have over 35 years of experience in both the Appraisal and Auction business. I began collecting antiques at an early age. When I was 6 I got my first Civil War sword, at age 14 my first Victrola record player. By the time I was in high school I had become a serious collector and restorer of antiques. I currently build American Period furniture using period tools as a hobby.

My wife Janet and I have restored 4 historic homes in both Utah and Idaho. The home in Idaho is the oldest, it dates from the 1870's. I have reproduced many of the old moldings using period tools. I also restored a historic building in down town Salt Lake City, The Ice House Auction Gallery.

I have also restored 4 vintage cars, a 1958 Austin Healy Bug Eyed Sprite, a 1965 Triumph Spitfire, a 1956 Chevy Bel-Air 2 door hard top and a 1962 Volks Wagon 23 window Bus. I have always collected first edition and historic books and my library contains over 1000 volumes.

Oriental rugs and art are also one of my passions.

When my Wife and I Travel we spend as much time as possible visiting art galleries. Over the years we have acquired many fine works.

## Appendix A

### Fair Market Value

Bronze sculpture of Martin Luther King Jr. by Stan Watts (1961 - ). The statue measures 52" tall x 28" deep on a 24" square base. It depicts King standing at a lectern, speaking. His right hand is raised towards the sky. His left clutches the lectern.

\$2,000,000.00      Total