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## News Release

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### **Timken Museum of Art Receives Generous Grant of \$100,000 from the Helen Frankenthaler Climate Initiative**

With a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, the Timken Museum of Art is proud to announce its \$100,000 award through the Frankenthaler Climate Initiative which will support eco-friendly upgrades to the Timken's HVAC system. The \$5.1 million Initiative is the largest private national grant-making program to address climate change, and the only nationwide program of its kind for the visual arts. The Frankenthaler Climate Initiative was launched in 2021, making the Timken a leader in climate action and one of the first museums worldwide to attempt carbon neutrality. As the only museum in San Diego to be a recipient of the grant, the Timken is grateful for the opportunity to further San Diego's community climate pledge and initiatives.

This generous grant from the Frankenthaler Foundation Climate Initiative will support the Timken's installation of state-of-the-art, patented, anti-viral technologies. This innovative system will maximize the "capture and kill" rate of airborne pathogens at a level considerably higher than that of hospital operating rooms. The upgrades will be a more cost-effective, low maintenance, and energy saving system that will also reduce emissions, control humidity, and a variety of harmful airborne pathogens.

The Timken announced last year that they were in the process of upgrading their HVAC system to facilitate a pressure cascade inside the museum that minimizes the possibility of spreading many types of infectious diseases among visitors with up to 99.997% efficacy. With support from the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, the Timken will move forward to provide exceptional ventilation in the museum for the health, comfort and safety of visitors

and the collection while creating a greater impact on the community's climate change efforts.

*“We take our mission of making fine art accessible to everyone very seriously, particularly on the heels of a pandemic when arts and culture are needed more than ever,” stated **Executive Director, Megan Pogue**. “Thanks to the generosity and forward thinking of the Frankenthaler Foundation, our visitors can feel confident knowing we have made this significant, groundbreaking investment that provides a safe, welcoming and enriched environment for all.”*

This project is made possible by the Frankenthaler Climate Initiative of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation.

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