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# Request for Qualifications

## Heroes Regional Park Branch Library

The City of Glendale announces two public art opportunities for qualified artists or artist teams to design, fabricate and install artwork for the new Heroes Regional Park Branch Library. One opportunity will be interior, the other exterior. The Glendale Arts Commission and the Library and Arts Department support these two public art projects cooperatively.



### Project Description and Site

The City of Glendale is embarking upon the process of constructing a new branch library in Yucca District in the western part of the city. The new Heroes Regional Park Library, situated on approximately two acres within the Heroes Regional Park site (83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road), will expand Glendale Public Library services to areas of western Glendale.

Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Phoenix, is the lead for this approximately 7500 square foot building complex, which will be bid in March 2018.

The focus of the interior public art project is an artist-designed terrazzo flooring that runs through the center of the library (approximately 1600 square feet) with design elements extended through the glass on entry doors and the exterior concrete entryway.

The focus of the exterior public art is a metal sculptural piece for the exterior entry wall (approximately 12 feet by 10 feet), potentially, though not restrictively, in Corten steel, with an optional free-standing metal sculpture in the front landscape area.

### **Eligibility**

This project is a national call to artists and is open to all professional artists who are residents of the United States.

Ideal candidates for the interior project will have:

Experience and expertise in any two-dimensional art media whose design could translate into terrazzo floor design and other two and three-dimensional public art media for indoor installation. Media must be durable, vandalism-resistant and easily maintained.

- Previous public art and design team experience and expertise are preferred.
- Public involvement and community interaction experience.
- Ability to successfully deal with public issues and concerns.

Ideal candidates for the exterior project will have

- Experience and expertise in any two and three-dimensional public art media for outdoor installation. Media must be durable, vandalism-resistant and easily maintained.
- Previous public art and design team experience and expertise are preferred.
- Public involvement and community interaction experience.
- Ability to successfully deal with public issues and concerns.

### **Project Budget**

The art budget is all-inclusive and will not exceed \$200,00 for both the interior and exterior projects. The total budget must cover all expenses including:

- Design and fabrication of proposal(s) for presentation of concepts to the City Council, citizen advisory boards and staff.
- All costs, including supplies and materials, necessary for design, fabrication, footings and installation for completing this project. The artist

will be responsible for all engineering fees as deemed necessary for final approval for installation of the artwork.

- Taxes and insurance.
- All costs for transportation for the artist, proposal and the artwork, including attendance at several public meetings and working with the City's staff.

### **Selection Process**

A selection panel will be convened to review all submissions meeting the application requirements and deadline. The artist will be selected on the basis of submission materials evidencing artistic quality of past work and experiences with similar public art projects. The panel may make a recommendation based upon preliminary submission materials or invite semifinalists to be interviewed and submit more detailed proposals. Once recommended by the panel, the City Council must approve the artist before the project may begin. The panel may recommend alternate artists for this project.

### **Deadline**

The following application materials are due and must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018**. All submissions are electronic. **Email to:** [PublicArt@GlendaleAZ.com](mailto:PublicArt@GlendaleAZ.com).

### **Application Requirements**

You may apply for the interior project, or the exterior project, or both. Please submit a **pdf** document, which consists of a **statement, resume/contact information, an image list and public art projects list** (further description below), and a **Powerpoint** containing **10 images** in a plain black background of completed representative past work.

- A **statement** (not to exceed two pages) of interest, qualifications and project ideas. Specify clearly and in **boldtype** in the opening paragraph of the statement for which project you are applying.
- Current **resume** and **contact information** (not to exceed two pages). Be sure to include mailing address, telephone, e-mail and website addresses (if applicable).
- An **image list** with the title, medium, dimensions, date completed and a short, annotated description of the artwork pictured in each image in the Powerpoint that includes project budget (if applicable).
- List of public art projects** currently underway or completed over the past three years including names of contacts, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. If new to public art, a list of references, including names of contacts, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

**Applications not meeting the application requirements will not be considered.**

### **Estimated Timeline**

January 31, 2018. Submission deadline (This is not a postmark deadline)  
February 2018. Panel review, selection plus notification of finalists  
February, 2018. Panel review of finalist interviews. Selected artist /Team approval by Arts Commission  
March, 2018 City Council Approval  
March, 2019 Project Completion

**For Additional Information:** contact Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager, City of Glendale, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302, 623-930-3557 (phone) or [Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com](mailto:Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com).

This Call to Artists does not commit the City to enter into an agreement, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal to this request or in subsequent negotiations, or to produce a contract for the project. It is City of Glendale policy to hold the copyright for public art. The City reserves the right to reject any or all applications, reissue the Call to Artists or procure any service by other means. The City is not responsible for loss of or damage to materials included with applications.