



# REQUEST FOR ARTIST QUALIFICATIONS

**Public Art Opportunity:  
Flora-Monroe Township Public Library  
Seeks Artwork to Commemorate  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Deadline to Apply:  
May 15, 2018, 4:30 p.m. (EDT)**

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The Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF) announces a call for professional artists to submit their qualifications to be considered for public art that will serve as a dynamic anchor and threshold for the Flora-Monroe Township Public Library in commemoration of the library's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

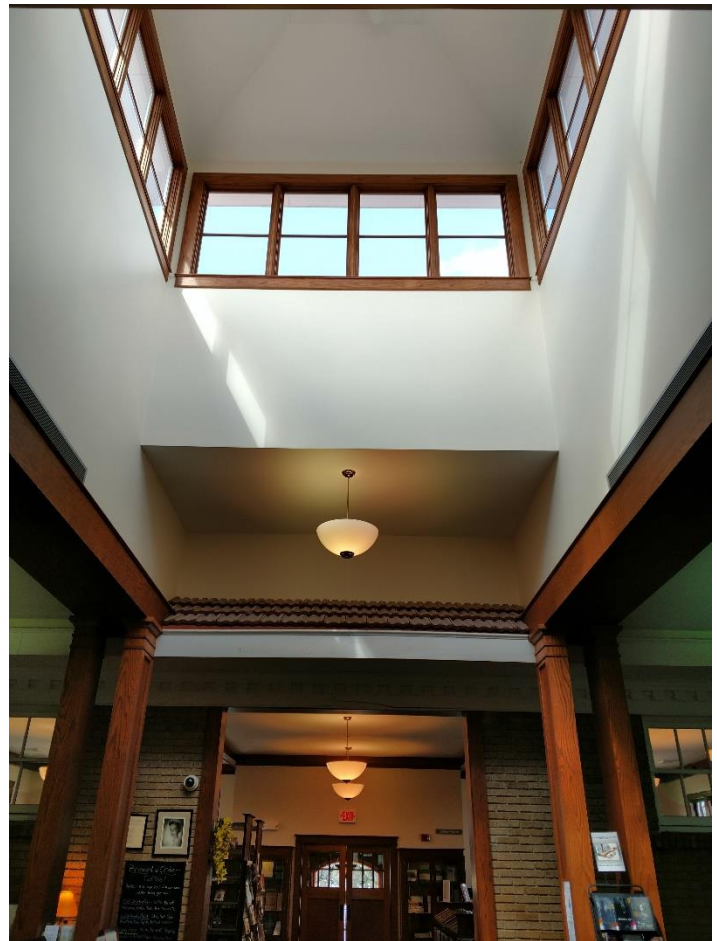
A commission of \$5,000 will be awarded for this work. TAF, in partnership with the Flora-Monroe Township Public Library, invites artists to submit proposals for the creation of a sculpture that will be permanently installed inside the library's cupola.

All installations must be durable, low-maintenance, and suitable in form, material and content for a mixed-ages audience that will include young children. Preference will be given to artists located in or who have ties to Carroll County, Indiana.

## BACKGROUND & SITE INFORMATION

The Flora-Monroe Twp. Public Library was built in 1918 with a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. In 1996, an addition and renovation project was completed that more than doubled the size of the library. The library has served the needs of the community in the same location for one hundred years. The library's website provides an overview of available services and programs: [www.flora.lib.in.us](http://www.flora.lib.in.us). During 2018 the library will undergo several projects to update spaces and add amenities such as small meeting rooms.

The Flora Library has a long tradition of providing art experiences and space for exhibits of works by local artists and students. Visitors to the library enjoy the large permanent collection of art on display throughout the library. Almost all of the works are by Hoosier artists, including pieces by an Indiana Artisan and two Hoosier Salon artists. A painting by Delphi artist Roy Trobaugh was displayed in an exhibit of his work at the Indiana State Museum. Staff is currently developing an "art in the library" brochure that will be available in the library and online, and will include this the artwork selected for this commission.



The artwork will be installed in the library's cupola shown above.

The [Flora-Monroe Twp. Public Library](http://www.flora.lib.in.us) provides services to patrons in response to their demonstrated needs and requests, whether educational, informational, technological, or recreational. The library participates in efforts to improve the county for all residents and works with local school administrators as partners in education. The library upholds the principle of intellectual freedom and the public's right

to know. The library has provided summer art classes for eleven years with grants from the Indiana Arts Commission, administered by the Tippecanoe Arts Federation.



Looking upwards in the library's cupola, the fan in the above photograph will be removed before the artwork's installation.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Artists wishing to be considered for the project must be at least 18 years of age. Preference will be given to artists working in Carroll County. Applicants must demonstrate that they have skills necessary for the successful completion and installation of the proposed design.

### **PROJECT BUDGET: \$5000**

The artist is responsible for all costs relating to the creation of the sculpture. Costs that the artist may be incurred include, but are not limited to:

- Materials
- Fabrication
- Labor
- Transportation
- Installation

### **2018 PROJECT TIMELINE**

May 15	Applications Due ( <i>submission instructions on page 3</i> )
June 1– 15	Artist Interviews
End of June	Artist Selection Announced
July 1 – September 1	Design Phase
September 1 – October 15	Fabrication Phase
October 15 – November 1	Installation
To Be Announced	Dedication

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Artistic excellence, originality, and ability to produce a consistent body of work, as evidenced by representation of past work in images and other supporting materials;
2. Experience with projects of a similar scale and scope;
3. Appropriateness of artist's approach and style to the project's intent and site;
4. Availability to work within project timeframe and to be present in Lafayette and/or Flora, Indiana during the design meetings;
5. Technical feasibility of proposed project;
6. Good work habits: ability to meet deadlines, experience with budgeting, good communication skills, good problem-solving abilities—as supported by references; and
7. Important consideration will also be given to: durability, maintenance requirements, permanence of materials, and timelessness of the artwork proposed

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Artists wishing to apply should combine the following items *into a single PDF* and e-mail it to Ann Fields Monical at [coo@tippecanoearts.org](mailto:coo@tippecanoearts.org):

- Letter of interest (one page maximum)
- Resume
- List of two professional references
- 5-7 work samples (list the date of completion, materials, and any other relevant info)

If the file size of the PDF is too large to email, please upload to Google Drive or Dropbox and share the file with [coo@tippecanoearts.org](mailto:coo@tippecanoearts.org). *No physical copies of application materials will be accepted.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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