

Sculptural Screening for Lift Stations in Leesburg, Florida

Commissioning Organization: Leesburg Center for the Arts

Call Type: Public Art

Eligibility: Regional

State: Florida

Entry Deadline: March 25, 2021

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Letter of Interest (1 for the team – 1-page max)
- Artist/Artist Team Resume/CV (1 for each team member- 2-page max per person)
- 2 References (2 for each team member)
- 4 Images of Past Public Art Projects (4 for each team member)
- Image Description Sheet with artist name title, medium, client or commissioning organization, location, and two sentence description

About the Commissioning Organizations:

The Leesburg Center for the Arts is the creative hub for artists, creatives and dabblers in North Lake County, FL. The CFA provides art education, awareness and opportunities to enrich and inspire our community with art and culture and to gather, create and collaborate.

The City of Leesburg's mission is to provide effective and efficient municipal services that promote public safety, economic growth and quality of life. Leesburg is a diverse community energetically working in collaboration to ensure it upholds its history, ambiance, and natural resources to become and stay a vibrant community.

Call Summary:

The Leesburg Center for the Arts is placing a Request for Qualifications for Public Art Screening. The selected artist/artist team will show experience in working in a similar size and scope. The selected artist/artist team will be expected to visit the site prior to fabrication and work with the City of Leesburg on logistics and final installation. Three finalists will be shortlisted and compensated \$250 for conceptual designs. Commissioned artwork should reflect the values and mission of the Leesburg Center for the Arts and the City of Leesburg.

Budget:

The artist/artist team selected will receive \$7,500 to cover design, transportation, lodging, fabrication, materials, labor, installation, insurance, and any other costs associated with the artwork through final

installation. The fee will be paid half on invoice as a deposit after contract execution and half on invoice after satisfactory completion.

Eligibility:

This call is open to artists currently residing in the State of Florida with experience in projects of a similar scope and scale.

Timeline:

Deadline for Questions: March 9, 2021

Deadline: March 25, 2021

Anticipated Notification of Shortlist: April 22, 2021

Anticipated Notification of Award: May 20, 2021

Work anticipated to begin: June 21, 2021

Project Description:

This is a commissioning of new work by the Leesburg Center for the Arts in partnership with the City of Leesburg. The goal of the project is to use the Public Art Screening to conceal the Lift Stations from view and provide aesthetically pleasing street scape elements. The artwork should be unique, engaging for passersby, reflective of the community, and not easily scaled. The screening will be placed around several sides of two Lift Stations along a heavily traveled roadway. There are to be 3 screen panels total and each is a different size. The Public Art screening will be placed in front of existing chain link fence enclosures to screen the entirety of the fence enclosure and Lift Station. The screen panels are to be free standing. They will not be connected to or lean against the chain link fence. The openings in the design should limit entrapment by limiting openings or perforations to less than 3.5" in diameter. The materials need to withstand a high traffic, public environment, and be capable of withstanding adverse weather conditions common to the state of Florida (high UV exposure, high humidity, high temperatures, heavy rain, frequent storms, high winds, etc.) The materials must be able to withstand washing/maintenance for graffiti removal.

Location:

The two sites have been preselected by the commissioning organizations. These sites are highly visible to the public but not open for public entry. The first Lift Station requires one section of screening measuring 22' L x 8' H. The second Lift Station requires two sections of screening measuring 27' L x 8' H.

Selection Process:

The selection panel will be comprised of commission organization representatives, community representatives, and artists. Three artist/artist teams will be shortlisted and paid \$250 for a conceptual

design of the Public Art Screening. The designs will be reviewed by the same panel. Only applications that are complete at the time of submission will be considered. If any portion of the application is incomplete, the artist/artist team will be disqualified.

Artist/Artist Teams will be shortlisted on the following criteria:

Quality of previous work.

Letter of Intent.

CV/Resume.

Artist/Artist Teams will be selected on the following criteria:

Quality of conceptual design.

Ability to fulfill RFQ requirements.

Durability and longevity of materials used.

Ease of maintenance.

The selected artist/artist team must contract with the Leesburg Center for the Arts for this project. The selected artist/artist team must sign a hold harmless and add the Leesburg Center for the Arts to a general liability insurance policy for the duration of this project. The Leesburg Center for the Arts reserves the right to photograph the work and/or the artist/artist team for documentation, education, and publicity purposes without additional compensation. Accepting a proposal from an artist/artist team does not constitute any form of contract or agreement with respect to the project. The Leesburg Center for the Arts reserves the right to request additional information from artist/artist team and make changes/clarification to the RFQ if necessary. The Leesburg Center for the Arts reserve the right to cancel, amend, alter the RFQ, or its contents. Submission constitutes agreement to the rules and details as published in this RFQ.