

University Health Women's & Children's Hospital: Site-Specific Art for Hospital Bridge to Garage - San Antonio, TX [RFQ]

Project Budget: \$100,000

Project Location: University Health Campus 4502 Medical Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229

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Project Overview:

University Health's *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* program seeks an artist or artist team to design and create site-specific artwork for the garage bridge of the new Women's & Children's Hospital at University Health's Medical Center campus. The building is set to open in early 2023. The commissioned artwork will thoughtfully respond to this unique context in a way consistent with the mission of University Health.

Project Description:

The mission of University Health is to improve the good health of the community through high quality compassionate patient care, innovation, education and discovery.

We are leading the way to be one of the nation's most trusted health institutions. The Women's & Children's Hospital will provide much-needed facilities to meet the needs of our growing community and region.

Our patient care will be:

- High quality and compassionate above all,
- Attentive, kind and helpful without exception, and
- Wise in the use of resources.

The vision of University Health's *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* program is to use art to inspire healing, compassion, hope and trust. We also aim to reflect the community, improve the experience of our patients and visitors, and communicate our important mission through art and design enhancements while being good stewards of our financial and natural resources.

The commissioned work for the garage bridge of the Women's & Children's Hospital will be in keeping with the mission statements above. The artist may elect to enhance the space with metal, colored film, light, sound, and/or sculpture. No artwork may be affixed to the ceiling of the garage bridge. Please review approved materials, selection criteria, and the location description provided below.

This artist opportunity is one of several for the new Women's & Children's Hospital. The *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* program encourages all interested parties to continue to visit www.publicartist.org/ in the upcoming weeks for more artist opportunities in site-specific work and art procurement for our expanding Medical Center campus.

Project Goals:

University Health and its *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* program strive to create and commission artworks that reflect aesthetic and technical quality and foster a welcoming, uplifting environment for healing. The site-specific work for the garage bridge of the new Women's &

Children's Hospital will be an aesthetically pleasing focal point for patients, visitors, and staff alike. The project's primary goal is to create—through light, imagery, and/or sound—a memorable and calming sensory experience upon entering the hospital. The artwork must consider the safety of the hospital's visitors and should be easy to clean and maintain.

Budget Description:

The budget for this project is \$100,000. This budget includes artist fees and all costs associated with the design, engineering, fabrication, permitting, delivery and installation of the artwork. Finalists selected from this RFQ will receive a \$1000 stipend to develop a proposal. See selection process and timeline details below.

Eligibility:

The project is open to all artists and artist teams, 21 years and older, residing in the United States. Professional artists with experience completing projects of similar size and budget are encouraged to apply. All applicants, regardless of race, sex, religion, nationality, origin or disability, will be considered. Please see selection criteria below.

Media: metal, light, sound, sculpture, architectural arts

Location Description:

The artwork will be located in the garage bridge of the new Women's and Children's Hospital. Artists selected to design a proposal will be expected to take advantage of architectural drawings and additional materials provided upon their selection as finalists.

The artwork must consider the safety of the hospital's visitors. Proposed artwork should be easy to clean and maintain, and any sculptural elements must NOT hang low enough to the floor for hospital patrons to touch or disturb. No artwork or lighting elements may be affixed to the ceiling of the garage bridge.

Site history:

University Health is committed to meeting the needs of our growing community to ensure access for all to the high quality, affordable care they need and deserve.

The Women's & Children's Hospital at University Hospital will provide much-needed facilities to meet the needs of our growing community and region. This will be a place where women, children and their families are surrounded with all of the experts and technologies to provide the highest level of compassionate care. It will be the only hospital in South Texas exclusively focused on the unique needs of women and children. And it will be a hospital like no other, where patients will see and feel the difference of care provided by a team who understands that being attentive, kind and helpful without exception is good medicine because:

- care is provided in ways that foster collaboration and communication
- patients and families feel respected
- a caring community is built on empathy, support and compassion

Selection process:

The University Health Art Program Committee will review applications received through this RFQ, select three finalists to develop proposals, and award one artist or artist team. Selected

artist(s) should expect to commit to at least 3 rounds of revisions that might be requested by the architect and design team to conform to existing design conditions. Please review the selection criteria for proposals below.

The *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* program strongly discourages artists from mailing or hand-delivering any physical material or samples for the committee's consideration that have not been expressly requested by the committee. Any materials received, solicited or unsolicited, will not be returned to the artist. The University Health Art Program Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received, or commission an artist through another process should responses to this RFQ prove unsatisfactory.

Selection criteria:

Responses to this RFQ will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit and technical quality of body of work
- Strong professional qualifications and/or experience completing large-scale public artwork
- Demonstrated ability to work within a given budget and timeframe
- Demonstrated ability to work with a diverse professional team (e.g., with architects, engineers, curators, construction teams, et cetera)
- Compatibility with the mission of University Health and with the goals outlined in this RFQ

Only artists who meet these criteria should apply.

Finalists selected to develop proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit of proposal and technical quality of body of work
- Thoughtfulness of response to the Women's and Children's hospital's unique context and aims as a healthcare institution, with regard to the safety of visitors, staff, and patients of the hospital
- Demonstrated ability to work within a given budget and timeframe; specifically, their demonstrated ability to complete this proposal in a timely and professional manner
- Compatibility of proposal with the mission of University Health and with the goals outlined in this RFQ

Once selected, the artists:

- Must complete the project to the highest level of quality and be on time.
- Must commit to at least 3 rounds of revisions that might be requested by architect and design team to conform to existing design conditions
- Follow and convey the spirit and mission of the *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* Program

Timeline:

The following schedule is preliminary and subject to change.

Project opens: March 2, 2021

Deadline for RFQ submissions: June 2, 2021

Announcement of selected finalists: June 15, 2021

Deadline for proposal submission: July 7, 2021

Announcement of selected artist: August 2021

Submission requirements:

- 5-10 Images of artwork
 - File naming convention: ##LastnameFirstname
- Image List
 - Include title, dimensions, location, medium, budget, and 1-2 sentences explaining the project and/or commissioning agency/client, if applicable.
- 3 References with contact information
- 2 Page Resume
- Artist statement (800 word maximum)
- Letter of interest (800 word maximum)

Do not send original artwork. Late applications will not be considered. PLEASE READ THIS RFQ CAREFULLY. The University Health Art Program Committee reserves the right to remove a public art call from the PublicArtist.org platform should the architectural direction or existing design conditions change.

For technical questions about this RFQ or the application process, please contact Crystal Hollis at info@publicartist.org or at 210-701-0775 (9am - 5pm CST/CDT).

For more information about the new Women's & Children's Hospital and University Health's *Salud-Arte: Art of Healing* program, please visit <https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/>.