



## Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

### Historic Springboro Public Art Project

Budget \$20,000

Public Art RFQ response

Springboro Arts Council  
C/O Kelly Settle  
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Springboro Oh 45066

Deadline  
Saturday May 31st 2025

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### **Springboro Arts Council – Public Mural Project**

**Location:** 15 S. Main Street, Springboro, Ohio

**Submission Deadline:** May 31, 2025

The Springboro Arts Council invites qualified professional artists or artist teams to submit their qualifications for the design and execution of a large-scale public mural. This mural will serve as a welcoming gateway to Springboro's Historic Business District, celebrating the town's vibrant heritage and strong sense of community.

## **Project Overview**

The selected artist will transform a highly visible exterior wall (approx. 814 sq. ft.) into a compelling visual landmark that reflects Springboro's rich history, culture, and community spirit. The mural site is located on a prominent building at 15 S. Main Street.

## **Budget**

The project budget is \$20,000. This is inclusive of artist fees, materials, travel, lodging, and all associated costs. The building prep will be provided by a local company.

## **Eligibility**

This call is open to professional mural artists or artist teams with demonstrated experience in large-scale public art projects. Artists must be 18 years or older.

## **RFQ Submission Requirements**

Please submit the following materials by May 31, 2025:

- **Statement of Interest** (1 page max): Describe your interest in the project and your connection to public art or community-based projects.
- **Resume** or CV (for each team member, if applicable).
- **Images** of past work (murals or relevant large-scale artwork), including title, location, year, medium, and dimensions.
- **References:** Contact information for 2–3 professional references familiar with your past work.
- (Optional) A brief statement on your community engagement approach or mural installation process.

## Selection Process

A selection committee will review qualifications and select 2–4 semi-finalists. Each semi-finalist will receive a stipend to create a full design proposal based on a design brief provided at that stage. One finalist will be selected to execute the mural in Summer 2025.

## Submission Instructions

Please send all materials in a single PDF or zip file to:  
[ksettke.sac@gmail.com](mailto:ksettke.sac@gmail.com)

Subject line: **Mural RFQ Submission – Kelly Settle**

**Deadline to Submit: May 31, 2025, by 11:59 PM EST**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

15 S Main Street  
Springboro Ohio 45066



## About Springboro Ohio

This mural will serve as a welcoming gateway to Springboro's Historic Business District, celebrating the town's vibrant heritage and strong sense of community.

### Historical Roots & Quaker Heritage

- **Founding:** Springboro was established in 1815 by Jonathan Wright, a Quaker from Pennsylvania. The city's name reflects the numerous natural springs in the area. [springborohistory.org+3ohioslargestplayground.com+3Springboro History+3](http://springborohistory.org+3ohioslargestplayground.com+3Springboro+History+3)
- **Underground Railroad:** Springboro played a significant role in the Underground Railroad, with an estimated 27 safe houses aiding between 1,000 to 4,000 freedom seekers. This makes it one of Ohio's most active communities in the movement. [Springboro History](#)
- **Historic District:** The Springboro Historic District, encompassing a 50-acre area, features architecture from the Federal and Greek Revival periods. Notable structures include the Universalist Church built in 1905. [Wikipedia](#)

### Community & Culture

- **Population & Demographics:** As of 2023, Springboro has a population of approximately 19,577 residents, with a median age of 35.7 years. The community is predominantly White (85.5%), with other represented groups including individuals identifying as Two or More Races (2.99%), Other (2.69%), Hispanic (2.37%), and Black or African American (2.28%). [Data USA](#)
- **Education & Income:** The city boasts a high median household income of \$112,872 and a strong emphasis on education, with a significant portion of residents holding bachelor's degrees or higher. [Data USA](#)
- **Community Events:** Springboro hosts various events throughout the year, including the Juneteenth Jubilee, which celebrates African American culture and history, and performances by the Springboro Community Theatre, reflecting the city's vibrant arts scene.

### Notable Landmarks & Attractions

- **Wright House:** The original brick home of founder Jonathan Wright still stands and now operates as the Wright House Bed and Breakfast. [ohioslargestplayground.com](http://ohioslargestplayground.com)
- **Dr. Aaron Wright House:** Built in 1857, this historic home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has undergone significant restoration to preserve its legacy. [Wikipedia](#)
- **Springboro Area Historical Society Museum:** Located in the city's oldest building, the museum offers insights into Springboro's rich history and heritage. [Springboro History](#)
- **North Park Amphitheatre:** A modern venue that hosts concerts and community gatherings, symbolizing the city's blend of historical preservation and contemporary culture.