



Request for Qualifications: Park Identities Public Art Roster

OVERVIEW:

The Meridian Parks & Recreation Department (MPRD), in partnership with the Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission (MPRC) and the Meridian Arts Commission (MAC), seeks to establish a list of artists who would work with the City to develop interpretations of park identities in local parks. Currently, the focus is on integrating artistic signage, design, and public art components (i.e. murals, benches, sculptures, functional bike racks, story walks, etc.) MPRD would like to be able to consult with artists to develop creative components that would strengthen the identities of current and/or future parks.

MAC requests eligible artists and organizations to submit qualifications for the Park Identities Public Art Roster. The Park Identities Public Art Roster - a list of pre-qualified, professional artists and organizations - will be a tool used by MPRD and local commissions to select artists to collaborate with. Successful applicants may remain on the Park Identities Public Art Roster for three years. Artists and organizations selected from the roster will be asked to enter into Professional Service Agreements with the City setting forth specific conditions, compensation, and scope of work. Selection to the roster is not a guarantee of work.

ELIGIBILITY:

This project is open to applicants regardless of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, or disability. Organizations or teams of artists, designers, and/or engineers are welcome to apply. Treasure Valley artists and organizations are encouraged to apply. Incomplete or late submissions will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered. Successful applicants and invitees may reapply at the end of their term to be considered for future art rosters. Artists previously listed on the Park Identities Public Art Roster may apply to be included again.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Artists or organizations wishing to be considered for the Park Identities Public Art Roster must provide the following materials and information to MAC in order to be considered for selection.

- 250 - 500 word informational page about the artist or organization;
- Four (4) to ten (10) images of representational work and information about each piece including: title, year of install, medium, budget, commissioning agency, short statement about the project, project timeline (from agreement execution to installation), and any other relevant information you'd like to provide.
- References, including at least three professional references and pertinent contact information; and
- Professional resume, not to exceed two pages.

Proposal materials must be received in PDF format via email. Applications shall be 20 pages maximum, in 12 point standard font, and must be no larger than 2MB total. Limited assistance producing digital images may be available upon request. Materials submitted will become public records and not be returned.

DEADLINE:

All applications must be received via email at mac@meridiancity.org by Friday, August 2, 2019 4:00 p.m. (MST)

SELECTION PROCESS:

The selection of successful applicants will be made by members of local commissions and City staff. MAC will notify successful applicants by e-mail, unless otherwise directed. In evaluating eligible applications, the following factors will be considered:

- Adherence to the RFQ; (20 points)
- Quality of work; (30 points)
- Experience, may include feedback from professional references; (20 points)
- Artist's ability to create artwork that addresses the context of its placement; (20 points) and
- Consistency with City policy and community values; (10 points)

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!