

Duluth Public Arts Commission Request For Proposals

December 2021

The Duluth Mayor and the City Council formed the Duluth Public Arts Commission (DPAC) in 1986.

Duluth Public Arts Commission Mission Statement: DPAC Mission Statement (approved 7.18.2016) The Duluth Public Arts Commission fosters arts development and advocates for public art and arts events. It advises the City of Duluth on arts-related matters and promotes the positive economic impact the arts has in the community and the region. It also assists the City in the development and maintenance of an ongoing Municipal Arts and Culture Plan. The Duluth Public Arts Commission, in all its endeavors, is committed to inclusivity, collaboration and fairness.

According to a 2013 amendment to our ordinance, the Commission will work with the City to develop and promulgate a municipal art plan for the entire city. The plan will include long term objectives of the commission in carrying out its purpose as stated above; establish criteria for the selection of artists and works of art; create a list of potential locations throughout the city for the placement of works of art; develop a list of priorities for the funding of various art projects throughout the city; identify the existing inventory of public art work in the city; establish a collection policy; and create guidelines for public accessibility and safety.

Furthermore, in its preliminary planning the Commission has adopted a definition of "public art" that includes all forms of art in public places, expanding its prior focus on permanent installations to include performing arts, arts programming, and other creative outlets. Duluth as a community has a rich history with the arts. The Commission, with support of the Mayor, seeks to implement our strategic plan to provide a long-term, comprehensive direction for the creative and cultural development of our community.

REQUEST

The Duluth Public Arts Commission in conjunction with the City of Duluth is releasing a **Request for Proposal** for a temporary art installation in the Lincoln Park Business District. The RFP is for previously created art that will be projected via projector onto exterior faces of a Lincoln Park building. The project will be displayed in February.

BUDGET

Payment for the temporary use for art will be \$250 per piece.

Projected Timetable

1. Request for proposals issued - Thursday, December 23, 2021
2. Deadline for all RFQ submission materials - 8am, Tuesday, January, 18, 2022. Please email your submission to Eleanor Bacso; ebacso@duluthmn.gov as a JPG.
3. Duluth Public Arts Commission will vote and approve the finalists on Wednesday, January, 19, 2022.
4. Finalists will be contacted on Thursday, January 20th, 2022 and will be required to work with a digital mapping artist to finalize artwork.
5. All questions regarding this RFP process and the project should be directed to Eleanor Bacso at ebacso@duluthmn.gov.

Submission Requirements:

- No more than (2) submissions per artist
- JPG Image(s) of proposed artwork
- An artist's statement
- Email address to receive verification of materials received

Mandatory Requirements

- Proposals must be submitted by specified date and time. No late proposals will be accepted.
- Responder must submit a complete application.
- Responder must meet all evaluation factors.

Evaluation Factors

- Artwork that engages both residents and visitors in the Lincoln Park Craft District.
- Must be suitable for public display and technically feasible.
- Artwork reflects professional quality of craftsmanship, mastery of skills and techniques
- Artwork reflects professional approaches to processes and presentation
- Artwork which recognizes and fosters diverse social, cultural, and historical values
- must not be appropriated
- Artwork which is memorable, thought-provoking, enduring, and communicates a unique
- vision or perspective

It is the responsibility of the artist to identify information in their responses they consider confidential and to the extent