

Columbus Public Art Program

Invitation to Submit Qualifications

Harrison Park Public Art Project

The Columbus Public Art Program, in partnership with the Harrison West Society, seeks to commission a professional visual artist to create, fabricate and install a fifth site-specific public artwork in Harrison Park.

Qualifications are sought from professional visual artists who live or work in the state of Ohio. An Artist Advisory Panel will select three artist finalists to prepare proposals. Artist finalists will each receive a proposal fee of \$750 to prepare and present a site specific public art proposal at a community event hosted by the Harrison West Society. The art will be selected through a community voting process. The selected proposal will be forwarded to the Columbus Art Commission for conceptual design and placement approval. The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department will also review the proposal for acceptance into Harrison Park.



ART BUDGET:

The total art budget available for this project is \$90,000 all-inclusive and includes a 10% contingency set aside. All contracts will be held by the City of Columbus and artists receiving payments will be required to register with city Vendor Services.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

All materials must be received by 4pm, January 15, 2015.

ABOUT THE SITE:

The 5-acre Harrison Park is located along the east bank of the Olentangy River in the Harrison West neighborhood, north of downtown Columbus. Harrison Park was designed by a subcommittee of the Harrison West Society (www.HarrisonWest.org), in conjunction with Wagenbrenner Development (the site developer) and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. It was constructed in 2010, the only park to be built during the department's centenary year. The park spans the east bank of the Olentangy River from West 2nd Avenue south to Quality Place. It includes multiple planting beds, a gazebo, a playground, a leg of the Olentangy Recreation Trail and four public sculptures designed and presented by Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD) students and selected through a community involvement process.

The park offers access to the Olentangy River and is used throughout the year for events and gatherings. A gazebo anchors the center of the park is a popular venue for weddings, celebrations, and other special events. Multipurpose trail linkages to the north and south are planned that will connect the Park to a regional greenways system.

Visit www.columbus.gov/planning/hpartproject to view the full RFQ/Art Plan and for more information about Harrison Park.

TIMELINE:

The artist selection, design, fabrication and installation process is planned as follows:

- o Mid-November 2014 - Artist call/RFQ released
- o January 15, 2015 - Artist call/RFQ closed
- o Mid/Late-January 2015 - Art Advisory Panel meets to select finalist and alternate
- o February 24, 2015 - Finalists presented to CAC for approval
- o Early-March 2015 - Legislation filed to contract with artists for completion of design proposals
- o Late-March/Early-April 2015 - Contracts signed with finalists
- o Late-June 2015 - Finalist proposals due
- o Early-July 2015 - Community voting two weeks after proposals received
- o July 28, 2015 - Selected art proposal submitted to CAC for conceptual approval
- o September 2015 - Legislation to contract with artist submitted to Council
- o October 2015 - Finalize contract with selected artist
- o Fall/Winter 2015 - Fabrication
- o Spring/Summer 2016 - Installation and dedication (weather permitting)

The City of Columbus reserves the right to change or alter the project schedule.

ART BUDGET:

Proposal fee: \$750

Artwork budget: \$90,000 all-inclusive and includes a 10% contingency set aside

This is a very exciting opportunity for an artist to work with the Harrison West community and the Columbus Public Art Program. We very much hope that you are interested in participating. If you choose to submit qualifications, please send the following materials by post or hand delivery:

1. A one-page letter of interest with a general statement about your artwork and your interest in the project.
2. Up to ten (10) image files of past work. Images should be inserted into a PowerPoint (or PowerPoint compatible program) formatted with a black slide background and the slides should be numbered. Images should be from 70 - 100 dpi. Title the bottom of each slide in the following naming convention: LastnameFirstnameImagenumber. DO NOT SEND IMAGES in a PDF FORMAT.
3. Provide an annotated image sheet with clear explanations of each image submitted, including project budget.
4. Current resume, not to exceed four pages, including name, address, phone number, e-mail address and website.
5. References, one-page: List three people with whom you have worked on an art project who can describe your participation. Include name, title, address, e-mail and current daytime telephone for each reference.

Proposals must be submitted in hard copy form and in electronic versions on a CD or USB flash drive.

MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4pm, JANUARY 15, 2015**Please send requested materials to:**

Christine Leed
Senior Planner
Department of Development
City of Columbus
50 W Gay Street, Fourth Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Attention: HARRISON PARK PUBLIC
ART RFQ**

Please direct inquiries to:

(e) clleed@columbus.gov

(p) 614-645-8791