



ASC PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Art of Recycling

a community based public art initiative by Livable Meck and ASC

Call to Artists

Submission Deadline:

November 30, 2018 by 11:59 p.m. E.S.T.

Applications must be received via (<https://asc.slideroom.com>), an online application system.

There is no fee to submit qualifications.

Project Overview:

The Art of Recycling initiative seeks to educate residents and improve behaviors related to recycling by creating temporary public art as education pieces for Mecklenburg County residents. Four locations across Mecklenburg County will serve as sites for hosting the public art including: Beatties Ford Road Branch Library, Community Resource Center, Hickory Grove Branch Library, and the Bette Rae Thomas Recreation Center.

Up to four artists/artist teams will be selected for this opportunity. Each artist will be paired with a site and will develop a unique interior public artwork for that venue which will be on display for a minimum term of three months.

The artwork should raise awareness among residents and their communities about the need for recycling and what materials are recyclable locally including cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, metal cans, and glass jars.

Each selected artist/artist team will work with the ASC and Mecklenburg County staff to create an artwork that responds to the parameters of the site. Examples of locations within sites may include:

- the interior of a glass enclosed bookshelf measuring 5.5' x 6' x 1'
- a double sided display case with four individual windows, each measuring 27" x 21" x 10"
- a pedestal mounted work of art not to exceed 3' x 3' x 3'
- a wall mounted work of art, not to exceed 5' x 7'

Project Budget:

We anticipate funding up to 4 projects with awards of \$1,000 per project. In addition, selected artists/artist teams will have special access to recyclable materials from Mecklenburg County's Full Service Recycling Centers at no cost. The financial award and recyclable materials must cover all artist services and expenses including but not limited to design, additional materials, fabrication, installation, travel, shipping, etc.

Artist Eligibility:

The call is open to visual artists ages 18 and up working in either 2D or 3D and residing in Mecklenburg County. ASC staff, Board members, County staff, or their immediate family members are not eligible to apply. Artists must be able to deliver and install their artwork.

Artist Selection:

Applications will be reviewed in December 2018 by a jury panel comprised of community members, County representatives, and art professionals.

Notification:

Applications will be notified of panel decision by December 21, 2018, and those selected will be formally contracted to participate in the program and assigned to one of four sites.

Projected Timeline:

October 26, 2018: Call to Artists released
November 30, 2018: Submission deadline
December 2018: Artist selection
December 2018: Artists notified
Spring/Summer 2019: Design development and installation (will vary with each artist)

To Apply:

To view/begin the application, go to <https://asc.slideroom.com> and sign up for an account. Applications must be received via SlideRoom by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 30, 2018. There is no application fee to apply or use the SlideRoom online application system. The following materials will be required to be uploaded to SlideRoom:

- **Statement of Interest:** a brief introductory narrative that also provides insight about your interest in the project (maximum one page)
- **Credentials:** a resume or CV demonstrating professional history and skills or experience as a professional artist (maximum two pages)
- **Images:** up to eight (8) images of recent work completed within the past five (5) years.
- **Annotation:** titles, date, media, and dimensions of artwork

For Questions:

For further information regarding the RFQ, please email:

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About the Arts & Science Council:

Since 1995, the Arts and Science Council has managed the public art programs for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The Public Art Commission is responsible for the community-based artist

selection and design review process for each public artwork. The commission is an appointed board of volunteer citizens from the arts, education and business sectors. In 2003, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council adopted ordinances that appropriate one percent of eligible capital improvement project funds for public art. The ordinance helps ensure that artworks enhance our public spaces and become an integral part of urban and economic development efforts. See more at: <http://www.artsandscience.org/>

The Arts & Science Council (ASC) is committed to serving a diverse range of individuals and organizations through its programs and services and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or any characteristic protected by law.

About Livable Meck

Livable Meck (formerly known as the *Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan*) is an engagement infrastructure – bringing organizations together to protect and enhance the quality of life across Mecklenburg County. Livable Meck’s partners include over 130 organizations from the private sector, non-profits, and government agencies. The Livable Meck guiding principles are WELCOMING, INNOVATIVE, CONNECTED, INCLUSIVE, PREPARED, HEALTHY, and RESILIENT.

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