CALL FOR ARTISTS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ASC PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Prequalified Regional Artist Pool
Charlotte, North Carolina

RFQ Issue Date: Monday, July 6, 2020

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

PROJECT BACKGROUND
The Arts & Science Council (ASC) is accepting qualifications from professional artists or teams of artists in response to the Arts & Science Council Prequalified Regional Artist Pool Opportunity. This pool is intended to expand ASC Public Art’s reach to create more opportunities for artists in North Carolina and South Carolina, and to engage artist who might be new to the public art commissioning process.

The Arts & Science Council facilitates a joint Public Art Program of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, which establishes opportunities for artists to create site-specific artwork in the public sphere. The program is funded through two separate ordinances created individually by the City and County that established a 1% for art allocation for all eligible capital improvement projects. The Public Art Program develops a broad collection of artworks that support and enhance the vision of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Region.

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The ASC Prequalified Regional Artist Pool serves as an internal resource to identify North and South Carolina artists who can design/build creative features for City, County, and private projects that may or may not be associated with larger scale public art projects. The pool will be used to select artists for projects with budgets up to $85,000 and will not replace the RFQ process for Public Art opportunities with budgets over $85,000.

Artists selected for the pool will be notified prior to being selected for specific projects. The Public Art Commission (PAC) will use this prequalified pool to match artists with opportunities commensurate with skills and experience necessary for specific project scope. The pool will be used to match artists on a rolling basis (beginning in the Fall of 2020) with opportunities for public art in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Applications for the pool will be solicited again in 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: Inclusion in the Prequalified Pool does not guarantee a commission.

BUDGET: Project budgets may range up to $85,000.
ARTIST ELIGIBILITY
Applicants not meeting the following eligibility guidelines will be withdrawn from consideration:

- Submittal of a complete application
- Work samples demonstrating an ability to create dynamic site-specific artworks, and/or the ability to tie design to a place or community.
- Previous works demonstrating competency in working with durable materials.
- The artist’s resume demonstrates evidence of professional competence and experience working in collaboration with architects, landscape architects, or community members.
- Artists must reside in North Carolina or South Carolina.

TO APPLY
Applications are available through SlideRoom (https://asc.slideroom.com), an online application system for calls for entry. There is no fee to submit qualifications. Applications will not be accepted after the August 3, 2020 11:59 p.m. (EST) deadline. Please note that Arts & Science Council staff will be available to answer questions about this call until 5:00 p.m. (EST) on the deadline date. The following materials will be required to be uploaded to SlideRoom:

- **Letter of Interest or Video Statement**: letter or video statement briefly describing your experience, philosophy and approach to artmaking, and specifically your interest in public art. (One letter or statement per artist team. Videos can be submitted as individual files, YouTube links, or Vimeo links.)
- **Resume or Biography**: a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) demonstrating professional history and skills as a professional artist (maximum 2 pages). Artists can also choose to submit a biography in lieu of a resume (maximum 2 pages). Artist teams will submit one (1) resume or biography per team member.
- **Images of Past Work**: up to ten (10) images of recent work or three (3) digital video or movie files limited to 2 minutes each - completed within the past five (5) years. Artist teams adhere to the same number of images/video files as individual artists.
- **Annotated Slide List**: titles, date, media and dimensions of artwork.
- **References**: three professional references Include name, organization phone number, and email.

SELECTION PROCESS
This solicitation process is being undertaken to enable the Public Art Commission (PAC) to identify the most highly qualified artists and artist teams for upcoming opportunities in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County with budgets up to $85,000. As part of this process, applications from artists who wish to be included in the prequalified artist pool will be pre-screened by ASC staff for compliance with RFQ eligibility requirements.

A selection panel of local arts professionals and community stakeholders will be appointed by ASC with the oversight of the Public Art Commission. The panel will review all eligible artists’ applications to create a prequalified pool of artists and artist teams. Those accepted into the prequalified pool will be notified by ASC in writing.

ASC staff will then use the prequalified pool to make recommendations to the Public Art Commission, matching artists to specific opportunities on a project-by-project basis.
PROJECTED TIMELINE
July 6, 2020  Artist application re-released
August 3, 2020  Artist application submission deadline
August 2020  Selection panel review, artist notifications sent
Fall 2020  Commissions for specific projects will begin to be made

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFQ
For further information regarding the RFQ, please contact Erin Taylor, Program Coordinator, Public Art, at erin.taylor@artsandscience.org.

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/

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