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Fair Housing Mural Project in the City of Burlington

Purpose

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) is soliciting proposals from local artists to provide design and implementation services for an exterior mural in the City of Burlington.

The goal of the project is to create a piece of public art that promotes fair housing: the right to housing free from discrimination. The mural must highlight one or more of the following topics:

1. Housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or other LGBTQIA topics;
2. Housing discrimination on the basis of race, including discrimination against those of Asian descent;
3. Housing discrimination during the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. Any other fair housing issues.

Additionally, the mural/wall must contain the following language:

“The work that provided the basis for this publication was supported by funding under a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The substance and findings of the work are dedicated to the public. The author and publisher are solely responsible for the accuracy of the statements and interpretations contained in this publication. Such interpretations do not necessarily reflect the views of the Government.”

Description

The building is located at 81 Pearl Street. The project space is the painted wall facing Pine Street which is approximately 31’W x 8’H. See attached photograph.

Work would consist of design as well as production of work on-site, which must be executed by experienced artists. The selected vendor must properly prime and prepare the area for painting, and a high-quality exterior varnish will be required to secure the longevity of the mural which the artist must ensure will last five or more years.

The value of the contract is \$8,000, which represents the entire grant awarded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the HRC to commission this mural. The HRC may consider submissions above \$8,000 but only after first reviewing submissions at the grant amount. Please note that no special consideration is given to artists for projects valued at less than \$8,000.

Artists will retain the ownership of design ideas that are submitted until a selection has been made and a contract signed between the artist and the HRC. At the time a contract is awarded,

the ownership of the design and artwork produced will become the property of the HRC. Financial compensation will be made in accordance with an agreed-upon contract between the artist and the HRC, which may include an advance for materials.

Submissions

The HRC will receive all submissions by mail at: “Mural Project” Human Rights Commission, 14-16 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

Each submittal must include:

- A title and narrative of the design;
- The best rendition of the mural;
- A description of the approach to the project such as methods of surface preparation, primer applications, varnish, or other material to secure the longevity of the mural;
- Identification of the medium, timeline for completion (start and end date), and approximate dimensions for the proposed mural if it is less than the project area of 31’W x 8’H;
- Images of previously completed works. Samples of murals and other works or projects, shall be no more than ten (10) listed in chronological order with the most recent as the first sample.

Project Timeline

Submissions due	November 19, 2021
HRC selects winning design and notifies artists	December 1, 2021
Contract for Services signed	December 8, 2021
Project start date	TBD
Project completion date	No later than June 1, 2022
Artist submits invoices & W9 to HRC	No later than June 8, 2022
HRC submits invoice to State of Vermont for payment	Within one week of receipt of invoice

The HRC encourages artists to collaborate with the community in the design and/or implementation of the mural.

Please send any questions or inquiry to Bor Yang, Executive Director of the HRC at bor.yang@vermont.gov.

Thank you!