CITY OF TULSA, OK: PERCENT FOR ART PROJECT

FIRE STATION 33

CALL TO ARTISTS

Figure 1 A rendering of the forthcoming Fire Station 33 from E 41st St South
(The square represents the space available for a potential wall-mounted art piece.
The circle, the space for a potential sculpture.)

Prepared by:
Tulsa Planning Office at INCOG

on the behalf of:
City of Tulsa Arts Commission
City of Tulsa Fire Department

Project Location............Fire Station 33
4109 S 134th Ave E
Tulsa, OK 74134

Project Budget..............$35,000

Medium........................Either a Freestanding Sculpture OR Wall-Mounted Piece

Deadline......................Submissions received after 5 PM CDT Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020
will not be accepted.

Application Portal............ahhatulsa.submittable.com/submit/

Point of Contact.............JT Paganelli | Planner
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Tulsa is accepting submissions from professional artists or teams of artists in response to a significant public art opportunity relating to the City’s recent investments for the new Fire Station 33, to be constructed at 4109 S 134th Ave E.

This call seeks to identify artist teams or artists capable of designing, fabricating, and installing a sculptural piece: **EITHER** mounted to an exterior wall or placed immediately in front of the outlined location.

CREATIVE GOALS

Your submission must include a concept for a lighted artistic wall-mounted piece **OR** freestanding sculpture on or in front of the wall to the left of the fire station’s four street-facing garage doors. The installation should serve as a photo opportunity for fire station visitors and passersby. The installation should also portray the fire service and firefighters as an institution and people dedicated to the safety and service of all community members.

**If the art is to be mounted to the wall, it must be fabricated independently from the wall’s surface.**

BUDGET

A budget of **$35,000** has been designated for the public art portion of this project. The selected artwork budget must be inclusive of all costs including but not limited to artists fees, studio overhead, consultant fees, purchase of materials, artwork fabrication, permits if required, site preparation, transportation, installation of work, construction and installation of any necessary bases and lighting, general public liability insurance, workers compensation insurance, and contingency. The selected artist will be responsible for the appropriate allocation of the commission funds to the artist’s project components.

SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

Your submission will be judged based upon its ability to reflect your artistic **experience** and the **creativity** and **feasibility** you bring to this particular project. **The Steering Committee and/or the Arts Commission reserves the right to recommend that no applicants be awarded the project.**

1. **Experience:** You have completed works in prominent locations with comparable budgets

2. **Creativity:** You have demonstrated interest in, and conceptual ideas aligned with, the Creative Goals.

3. **Feasibility:** The proposed concept is practical from a scheduling, fabrication, installation, financial, and on-going maintenance standpoint.
**SCHEDULE**

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**PHASE 1 – CALL TO ARTISTS**

1. **Call to Artists Issued:** The Tulsa Planning Office and City of Tulsa Arts Commission are administering the artist selection process in partnership with a Steering Committee.

2. **Optional Informational Conference Call:** RSVP to John Paganelli by 5 PM CDT June 3rd, 2020.

3. **Deadline:** Submissions received after 5 PM CDT Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 will not be accepted. All submitted materials will initially be reviewed by the Steering Committee. Up to five candidates may be shortlisted and interviewed prior to and/or during final selection.

**PHASE 2 – REVIEW**

4. **Shortlisting:** The Steering Committee will evaluate and select up to five artists for final interviews.

5. **Final Interviews:** Artists will present final concepts to the Steering Committee, which will formally recommend a selected artist to the Arts Commission, which advises the Mayor of the City of Tulsa on final approval.

**PHASE 3 – IMPLEMENTATION**

6. **Contract Negotiation Period:** The selected artist(s) will be expected to work with stakeholders to integrate artwork into the final design, ensuring that all opportunities for leveraging the budget have been fully explored and exploited. During this phase, the artist may be required to attend (possibly via conference calls) public information sessions and/or Steering Committee meeting(s). Once the design is accepted by the Mayor, the artist(s) will be responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits for the project’s installation.

7. **Fabrication:** The formal notice to proceed will follow contract execution. Work begins on the construction and installation of the artwork. The installation of the artwork will need to be coordinated with the City of Tulsa Engineering Services Special Projects section.

8. **Opening:** Per approved schedule

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HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in being considered, ensure that your response to the Tulsa Planning Office via Submittable™ is received before 5 PM CDT Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020.

Application link: ahhatulsa.submittable.com/submit/

SUBMISSION COMPONENTS

The following questions make up the Submittable™ form for this Call:

YOUR INFORMATION & EXPERIENCE

CONTACT INFORMATION: Name, phone, email, mailing address, etc. Not evaluated.

WORK HISTORY WITH CITY OF TULSA: See “Artist Eligibility”

RESUME(S): Include any relevant education and recent commissions, exhibitions, collections, related experience, honors and grants, bibliography, and affiliations within the last five years. (No individual’s resume should exceed three pages.)

REFERENCES: List three professional references with a thorough knowledge of your work and methods. (The list must include at least one client who commissioned you for an artwork installation within the last five years.)

PORTFOLIO: PDF upload. (Ensure that your portfolio does not exceed 10 MB. No more than 10 pages)

YOUR CREATIVITY

STATEMENT OF INTEREST: Explain why you are qualified to complete the project at Fire Station 33. (Do not exceed 250 words.)

CREATIVE GOALS: Explain how you would work with stakeholders to realize a collaborative vision. Additionally, explain what you envision designing for this project and what inspired the vision. (Do not exceed 250 words.)

CONCEPT SKETCH: Upload a PDF of a preliminary illustration of your concept. (Ensure that the PDF measures 8.5x11 inches, in either portrait or landscape.)

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The project is open to all professional artists, designers, or firms, age 18 and over, regardless of residence, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental ability. Artist teams are eligible to apply, including teams of artists from multiple disciplines. Teams must include at least one visual artist.

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HELPFUL CONTEXT

STAKEHOLDERS

CITY OF TULSA
ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission is charged with assisting the City in matters concerning public artwork, giving guidance in purchases and maintenance of existing artwork, providing a source of respected opinions and advice concerning public matters having aesthetic implications, reviewing public signage issues (including neighborhood signs), stimulating superior aesthetic quality in all phases of physical development within the community and assisting in the procurement of additional works of public art.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Tulsa Fire Department is dedicated to the protection of life, health, property and the environment by delivering quality life and fire safety services.

The Tulsa Fire Department is an all-hazards department which responds to calls for service such as building fires, water rescues, hazardous materials incidents, medical calls, motor vehicles accidents and search teams. The Tulsa Fire Department also manages fire investigations, fire inspections, and public education. The department responds to approximately 60,000 calls of service each year.

Fire Department History: https://www.cityoftulsa.org/media/3311/tfdhistory2-2017.pdf

TULSA PLANNING OFFICE

The Tulsa Planning Office at INCOG facilitates processes that help make and market Tulsa as a place of artistic and cultural innovation and tradition. As an interface between Tulsa’s artistic community and municipal resources, the Tulsa Planning Office assists in the approval of beautification projects, the selection and maintenance of public art, and the long-term cultivation of Tulsa’s historic and cultural resources.

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PERSPECTIVES

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FLOOR PLAN

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SITE PLAN

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Approximations regarding the location of the freestanding sculpture (green) and wall mounted piece (red) are included when pertinent.
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