

CALL FOR PORTABLE ARTWORKS

CITY OF BELLEVUE ARTS PROGRAM

Deadline: March 11, 2022, midnight

OPPORTUNITY

The City of Bellevue seeks to purchase portable artworks that exemplify the mission of the Bellevue Art Collection. The maximum purchase price of selected artwork(s) per artist is \$3,800 (plus 10.1% sales tax). The call is open to all professional visual artists and visual artists working towards being professional that live in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. The deadline for consideration is March 11, 2022. Purchased artworks will be included in the Bellevue Art Collection and will eventually be located throughout City-owned and publicly accessible buildings and offices. The future locations of the purchased artworks are at the City of Bellevue's discretion.

BELLEVUE ART COLLECTION'S MISSION

The City of Bellevue seeks to be a vital platform for cultural exchange and creative inspiration. The City turns to living artists to enrich the collective experience of Bellevue's public places through permanent commissions and a growing collection of moveable artworks funded through the Public Art Program. A segment of the collection is devoted to artworks that raise the discourse on the defining aspects of Bellevue's civic life, exploring the diverse identities of our residents, converging cultures, international connections, technological currents and interplay between nature and the urban experience that make Bellevue's environment unique. Bellevue's art collection helps document the dynamic moments and complexities of Bellevue's cultural life and is an important resource for future generations.

BACKGROUND

Purchased portable art will join a growing collection of portable artworks within the Bellevue Art Collection. The current collection is comprised of over 70 permanently sited and integrated artworks and portable works by acclaimed artists such as Lois Graham, Judy Onofrio and Jae Hyo Lee and coming artworks by artists Marc Fornes and Po Shu Wang. Most of these artworks are sculptures. The goal of growing the collection of portable artworks is to diversify the collection by adding a range of visual art mediums and artistic voices. Portable art will also increase the number of artworks accessible in city-owned buildings in Bellevue neighborhoods.

ELIGIBILITY

This call is open to all active professional visual artists in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties in Washington State. Artists must be able to deliver or arrange for the delivery of artwork to Bellevue. Galleries and representatives of artists are eligible to submit on behalf of artists, but the artist themselves must still be an active visual artist in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, regardless of where the gallery or representative is located.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Available unframed two-dimensional visual art (drawings, mixed media, painting, photography, prints, and textiles), electronic art (digital, film, new media, and video) and small three-dimensional artwork (no larger than 18" in any direction and easily moved by one able-bodied person). The artwork will enter a rotating portable works collection. Artists may submit up to five images of or links to available artworks. Framing, hanging, and presentation costs will be managed completely by the City of Bellevue and is not a part of the \$3,800 maximum purchase price of an artwork. The Arts Program has a limited stock of electronic equipment; if digital artworks are chosen for purchase, City of Bellevue staff will work directly with the artist to determine the best presentation method given available equipment.

BUDGET

A total of \$38,000 will be used to purchase portable artworks with a price of \$3,800 or less per artwork. Only one selected artwork will be purchased from an artist unless the total purchase price of the artworks adds up to \$3,800 or less. Sales tax is in addition to the purchase price. Please note that the purchase will not be finalized until City of Bellevue staff has an opportunity to view the artwork in-person, if requested, and the Arts Commission votes to approve the purchase.

If electronic artwork is submitted, a link or digital file easily viewable by the panel should be included in the submission. Artists that need to arrange to ship their artwork will need to cover their own shipping costs or can include that in the \$3,800 artwork cost. Artists can alternatively choose to hand deliver artworks to Bellevue City Hall. In some cases, City of Bellevue staff may be able to pick up artworks from studios or galleries.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, March 11 at midnight. Please allow ample time to complete your application; applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please reach out before the deadline. If you do not have access to a computer, arrangements can be made to submit paper applications; in this case, please contact us no later than February 14.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (to be submitted online)

- **ARTIST APPLICATION** Please fill out all required fields in the online application, including your primary location, artistic medium, and the below items.
- **ARTIST'S STATEMENT** (not to exceed 150 words) Please write a brief description of your artistic intent - inspiration, interests, point-of-view, techniques, etc.
- **ARTIST'S BIO** (not to exceed 150 words) Please summarize your background as well as artistic influences, training and major achievements.
- **UP TO FIVE IMAGES (OR LINKS) OF AVAILABLE ARTWORK** Artists are encouraged to submit up to 5 images or links to available artworks – this could be five different artworks or multiple images of the same artwork. If your work is digital, we encourage you to submit a link to videos and not the actual artwork file. These images will be used by the panel to determine what artworks to purchase, so good-quality images (1-2MG each) are encouraged.
- **IMAGE DESCRIPTIONS** Please describe your work samples by including title, year made, medium, dimensions and price. Artworks listed without a price will not be considered for purchase. Artists that are not able to deliver artwork to Bellevue must include shipping costs for each artwork included in the price of the artwork. If a submitted artwork is no longer available, City of Bellevue staff will consider other artworks and artists selected by the panel as backups.
- **RÉSUMÉ** (optional)

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application by midnight on March 11, 2022.

Link to Call submission: https://bellevuearts.smapply.io/prog/portablecall_2022

All applications will be collected on SurveyMonkey Apply via the Portable Call application. All questions should be directed to Manette Stamm, (425) 452 4064, mstamm@bellevuewa.gov.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Artwork will be selected based on the following criteria: artistic merit and compelling themes relevant to the mission of the Bellevue Art Collection. Artists residing in Bellevue, WA will be given additional consideration by the selection panel. Artworks that contain violence, profanity, or nudity will not be purchased.

A panel composed of the Chair of the Arts Commission, or their designee, and two arts professionals, will recommend artworks for purchase. City of Bellevue staff will reach out to artists with recommended works to schedule a time to view the artwork safely in-person unless other viewing means are deemed sufficient. City of Bellevue staff will present the panel's recommendations to the full Arts Commission for approval of purchase before arrangements are made with artists to view and drop-off/pick up artworks.

The City of Bellevue reserves the right not to select any of the submitted artworks.

NOTIFICATION RESULTS

Artists will be notified by email no later than April 18, 2022, to confirm artwork availability. Artists will receive a final notification to make arrangements for the delivery of the artwork no later than May 6, 2022, whether their artwork has been recommended by the selection panel. City of Bellevue staff will present their recommendations to the Arts Commission for approval in May. The approval schedule is subject to change if deemed necessary.

CONTACT US

For questions regarding the call and how to apply, please contact Manette Stamm at mstamm@bellevuewa.gov.