

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



DEADLINE
Friday, 19 June 2015
11:59am

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The Municipal Art Commission invites artists to submit digital images, qualifications and proposals to be considered for the 2015 Washington Square Park “Art in the Square” installation. The deadline for submission of entries is noon on June 19, 2015.

ELIGIBILITY:

Artists, architects and designers residing within 50 miles of Kansas City, Missouri are invited to apply.

THE PROJECT: 2015 Art in the Square

As part of the ongoing revitalization of Downtown Kansas City, the City will commission five finalists to create temporary site-specific art installations in Washington Square Park. The City welcomes applications for full-scale projects and installations that thoughtfully use space, material, and process to create a physical and visual experience. Art in the Square installations will be on display from September 2015 through November 2015.

THE SITE:

Washington Square Park is on 5 acres bordered on the west by Main Street and Union Station, on the south by Pershing Road and Crown Center, on the east by Grand Boulevard, and to the north by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield building. The park has an abundance of mature linden trees, decorative concrete paver sidewalks; a large bronze sculpture of George Washington and the Missouri Korean War Memorial. The “Link” provides pedestrian access to the park via an elevated connector that connects Crown Center to Union Station. Artists may request the location of installation of their work in the park, but the City’s managing team will make the final determination. One plat or area per finalist will be allocated. Please see the attached site plan. Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the park before submitting their applications. Please be aware that the final proposals must meet safety and technical requirements to be able to withstand the effects of weather and public use.

Due to its close proximity to Crown Center and downtown, Washington Square Park is also used for festivals, parades, and other civic events such as the start/finish line for the Kansas City marathon and the City of Fountains Bicycle Tour.



AWARD and EXHIBITION:

Five proposals will be chosen. Each recipient will receive a \$6,000 production grant towards realizing their respective projects. Projects will be installed the first of September. An opening ceremony will be conducted in September marking the start of the exhibition with projects remaining in place until November of 2015 (specific date TBD). Each artist will retain their installation once the exhibition is over.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS:

Applications must include the following components, which must be formatted as instructed below and emailed to Elizabeth.Bowman@kcmo.org no later than 11:59 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015. The materials can also be delivered directly to Elizabeth Bowman at 17th Floor, 414 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

1. COVER SHEET

Applicants must include a cover sheet with name, mailing address, telephone number, email, project title, and a single paragraph of not more than 150 words summarizing the proposed project. If you are applying as a team, please include the names and emails for each team member and identify one team member as the lead contact.

2. PROJECT PROPOSAL AND BUDGET

Applicants must submit a project proposal of up to 1000 words that clearly describes the project. Applicants are encouraged to submit renderings and sketches of the proposed project. Proposals must demonstrate feasibility within the \$6,000 production grant. A preliminary budget should be included that identifies expenses and offers a description of how the project fits within the financial parameters.

3. CURRENT RESUME/CV AND REFERENCES

The resume/CV should include information about your education; work and teaching experience; (if applicable) exhibition history; awards, grants, and residencies; and other relevant information. Provide the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of two people who are familiar with your work.

4. DIGITAL IMAGES AND SLIDE SCRIPT

Up to three (3) digital images of recent work. Please note that these images are in addition to images submitted as part of the project proposal. Recent works may be built or proposed in any medium. An image script with a numbered list that corresponds to the submitted images should also be included. For each image, include the title, date, and a brief description of the work.

5. APPLICATION FORMAT AND DEADLINE

The application package should be submitted as a single PDF (8 1/2" x 11" page) of not more than 10 single sided pages and 15 megabytes, emailed to Elizabeth.Bowman@kcmo.org no later than 11:59 a.m. on June 19, 2015.

Please put "ART in the SQUARE – OFFICIAL SUBMITTAL" project title in the subject line of the email. Or you can mail them to Elizabeth Bowman, Art Commission, City Hall, 17th Floor, 414 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, and must be delivered no later than 11:59 a.m. on June 19, 2015.

QUESTIONS:

Applicants may email questions to Elizabeth.Bowman@kcmo.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

City mapping link can be found at <http://maps.kcmo.org/apps/parcelviewer/>

Washington Square Park Information:

<http://kcparks.org/park/washington-square-park/>



