



City of Laramie: City Hall Interactive Artwork

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Deadline: April 24, 2023 at 11:59 PM MST

Budget: \$25,000

OVERVIEW

The City of Laramie, Wyoming is commissioning an artist or artist team to create an interactive artwork to fill a space previously occupied by a small flower garden. This space, which is 6 feet wide by 19 feet long, sits at the front door to City Hall.

City Hall welcomes residents of Laramie year round to pay utilities and attend public meetings. The location is prominent at the intersection of 4th Street and Ivins Avenue. This is a unique opportunity for an artist or artist team to create an engaging artwork in public space. The City is hoping for an artwork that includes some level of interaction, up to interpretation by the artist(s).

Three artists or artist teams will be selected to develop a Conceptual Design. Finalists will have the opportunity to connect with members of an Internal Design Review Team from the City who can field questions on structure and place.

The Conceptual Design illustrations will be displayed onsite for public input for one month. A public forum will also be held to gather feedback on the proposed designs. A final artist or artist team will be selected after these public engagements.

Laramie Public Art Coalition is administering the call for artists on behalf of the City of Laramie.

ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to all artists ages 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender identification, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental cognition. Preference will be given to strong applicants who reside in Laramie.

BUDGET

\$25,000 including fabrication, installation, artist fees, travel, and insurance.

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee including members of the community, a local artist, a City Hall staff member, and a representative from the Department of City Planning will select up to three finalists to develop a proposal based on artistic merit and interest in creating a work of art for City Hall.

Finalists will be paid \$1000 to create a Conceptual Design; each finalist will present their design to the Selection Committee either in person or virtually. Conceptual Designs will be displayed through signage onsite at City Hall for one month and be presented at a public forum. The finalists' Conceptual Design proposals will be evaluated based on appropriateness for the site, artistic merit, and interactivity. Community feedback will also play a role in the final selection. One artist or artist team will be selected to move forward and develop their design.

SCHEDULE

- RFQ released: 3/27/2023
- Artist Information Session: 4/5/2023 at 5:30 PM MT via Zoom
 - **Link to join:**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85613796149?pwd=RXgzWGNuVnNhMXQyQ3VWbnJFdE53UT09>
- Submission deadline: 4/24/2023
- Finalists notified: By 5/5/2023
- Finalist presentations: 6/28/2023 from 12 to 2 PM
- Designs at City Hall through 8/7/2023
- Artist selected: By 8/21/2023

Artwork installation schedule to be determined by the Artist and the Internal Design Review Team. Installation by spring/summer 2024.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

RFQ Materials shall include:

1. Letter of interest: Include interest in working with the City of Laramie and why this project would be a good fit for your artistic practice. (Limit to 400 words)
2. CV/Resume: (2 page limit)
3. Media: 5 digital images of relevant completed artwork. Artist(s) may submit up to two videos of relevant artwork, if it is essential to understanding the work. Label images/media: last name of artist, artwork title, installation date. JPGs only.
4. Media script: Short description of each completed artwork submitted as media. The media script should include the budget of the project, the location, and the artwork intent. (Limit to 100 words per artwork).

Materials submitted electronically to helloipac@gmail.com. For more information and help with applying, artists can attend the virtual information session on Wednesday, April 5th at 5:30 MT. Link to join in timeline above.

If in the letter of interest, or in media work samples, the artist includes a proposal for the artwork, the application will be disqualified. Contact Laramie Public Art Coalition with questions about the call at director@laramiepublicart.org.

City of Laramie

Laramie, the Gem City of the Plains, is a city of 30,000 sitting at 7,200 feet in the high plains of Wyoming. Surrounded by abundant nature, the city is home to the only four year university in the state, the University of Wyoming. <https://www.cityoflaramie.org/>

Laramie Public Art Coalition

Mission: Enhance and contribute to the unique cultural vibrancy of Laramie and Albany County by creating opportunities for artists and fostering community engagement through public art, exhibitions, special events, and educational programs.

LPAC is an independent, non-profit 501c3 that provides the greater Laramie community with a structure and inclusive processes to create successful public art projects that reflect the community's identities and values and contribute to community vitality.

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