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Call to Muralists

Requesting qualifications for professional regional artists to paint murals on overpasses along the Kingsport Greenbelt

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

The City of Kingsport, under the direction of the Office of Cultural Arts, with advisement from both the Public Art Committee and the Greenbelt Committee, is requesting qualifications for professional regional artists to paint murals on overpasses along the Kingsport Greenbelt. At this time, the project consists of two murals, which may grow to more. The suggested theme for the murals are vintage Kingsport, or nature you would find along the greenbelt. Text should only be used if significant to the design of the mural.

Background:

The Kingsport Greenbelt is a part of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Kingsport. The city is looking to make the Greenbelt more beautiful and inviting by adding artwork to overpasses along the path. There are different layouts to the overpasses. The two that are up for current artists' consideration are the **Eastman Road overpass**, and the **Clinchfield Street overpass**. Artists may submit entrees for one or both overpass murals, but must indicate which street they are applying for. Artists are encouraged to research the overpasses included in this project.

Application:

- Artists should live within the tri-cities region. Artists will not be compensated for travel or overnight stays.
- Artists should have a professional portfolio of mural artwork.
- All submissions should include a letter of interest that includes the artists' contact information with address, email address, and phone number.
- Artists should submit their resume along with proposed design followed by at least three samples of their previous mural work. Artists can submit a design proposal for one or both overpasses. Submissions should include both a hardcopy, and a digital copy for presentation to advisory committees.
- All submissions will become the property of the City, and materials will not be returned to the artists.
- If chosen for one of the murals, an artist will work with the Office of Cultural Arts to schedule painting and acquire paint for the project.
- **In summary, a complete application will include the following: Letter of interest, resume, proposed design, and at least 3 samples of previous mural work.**
- **All submissions must be received by deadline: October 30th, 5pm. No late entrees will be accepted.**

Consideration:

Artists will be considered according to the submitted design, the experience of the artist, and the artists' portfolio. Artists will be expected to sign a contract with the city and will be compensated \$2500 for their work. Paint will be paid for by the city.

Timeline of project:

September 15, 2020: RFQ

October 30th, 5 pm: Submissions due

November 9th: Artists contacted

TBD: weather will determine much of the painting timeline. Artists will work with the Office of Cultural Arts to get contract signed and paint purchased. Artists will have 90 days to complete the mural once contract is signed.

Contact Information:

Submissions should be mailed to the Office of Cultural Arts at 1200 East Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660, Ste. 224. For more information, call 423-392-8414.

Map of Locations:

