



Request for Proposals

Project: *TEMPO*

Budget: \$2,500-\$8,000

Project Summary

The City of Austin's Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office seeks proposal from professional visual artists or artist's team to design, fabricate and install site-specific, short-term artwork or time based performances in Austin's parkland spaces. The intent for the temporary public art is to cultivate curiosity, spark imagination and engage the community in a meaningful dialogue about public art and foster work by emerging local artist.

The City of Austin requests proposals from professional artists and designers who live or work within 35 miles of Austin.

Multiple commissions will be awarded. The budget for artwork ranges from \$2,500 to \$8,000 for each commissioned work.

Submission deadline is Thursday, June 13, 2013, 5:00 pm.

TEMPO Public Art Intent & Goals

The goal of the Art in Public Places Program is to commission works of art and art projects of redeeming quality that advance the public's understanding of visual art and enhance the aesthetic quality of public places. Temporary public art plays an important role in attracting new and emerging artist to participate in the city's public art program, enriches the civic dialogue, and engages public space in a unique way. The TEMPO program would allow the artist to explore a range of themes suitable for the outdoor environment and provide the opportunity for innovative, thought-provoking artwork that impacts the way people experience their environment.

Goals:

- » Expose citizens to contemporary artworks by local artists;
- » Foster engagement between artist, artwork and the community;
- » Link artists with resources and city assistance to develop skills and experience;
- » Facilitate public discussion, civic dialogue, and collaborative partnering for programming;
- » Promote new interest and increased participation in, and focus on, public art;
- » Cultivate tourism activity around the arts in Austin.

Budget

The funds for this project are derived from the 2% for public art portion of the City of Austin's parkland acquisition bond funding from 2006. A minimum amount of \$2500 and a maximum amount of \$8000 is available for each public art project. Though multiple commissions will be awarded, there is no set number of commissions. The selected artist(s) will be responsible for development of a budget to include all necessary aspects of design, fabrication and construction

including design and permitting, travel expenses, insurance, installation costs, foundation or bases, and any landscaping around the piece as part of installation or de-installation. A sample budget sheet can be found online at:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/aipp_budgetform.pdf.

Insurance

Insurance that will be required of all commissioned artists includes general liability and auto liability (approximate cost of both for 3-D installed work: \$400-\$600; approximate cost for both for time-based work/performance: \$400-\$500). If any subcontractors are hired by a commissioned artist, these coverage's, as well as workers' compensation insurance, will also be required of the subcontractors. More detailed information on City of Austin insurance requirements can be found online at:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/aipp_insurancereq.pdf

Artwork Opportunity

Artists may select from a pre-approved list of City-owned parkland sites (see list). Artists will be responsible for any installation and removal, as well as restoration/repair of premises, if needed, after artwork has been de-installed or lifespan concluded. Work may be installed according to the timeline indicated by the artist, and the concept should take various factors into consideration, including durability of materials, appropriateness to the site, safety, etc. Various dates of programming throughout the year could be proposed.

Artist Eligibility

Professional visual artists at least 18 years of age living or working within 35 miles of Austin are eligible to apply. Full-time, permanent City of Austin employees, all employees of the sponsor department (Parks & Recreation Department), employees of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, and project consultants and contractors and their employees and sub-consultants are ineligible to apply. Artists who have not received a public art commission before are encouraged to submit proposals for consideration.

Selection Process

Each applicant or team must submit for review of the selection panel:

- Letter of Interest and Conceptual Narrative;
- Sketches, renderings or CAD images of proposed artwork showing exact site within the park;
- Materials and approximate budget;
- Images and descriptions of past work;
- Resume.

Submissions with the required documentation must be received by Art in Public Places no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 13, 2013.

The City of Austin AIPP Panel will convene a selection panel to evaluate submissions. The Selection Panel and project advisors shall work together to review proposals, resumes, and images of recent and relevant work submitted by applicants.

The approved artist(s) will be put under a design/commission contract to coordinate with the City and develop a final design for the project and to fabricate and install the work. The final design is subject to approval by the AIPP Panel and the Austin Arts Commission prior to authorization of fabrication/construction.

An artist information meeting will be held to familiarize artists with the project opportunity including the application and selection process, and mission/intent/guidelines for temporary work.
May 21, 2013 5:00 to 6:30 at the CAD Office 201 E. 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701.

Selection Criteria

Review of the proposals will be based on the following criteria

- Artistic merit;
- Responsiveness to the physical and cultural context of the site;
- Ability to foster engagement and/or interaction by those encountering the work;
- Attention to safety and appropriate choice of materials.

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel is composed of the following:

- Jaime Castillo, AIPP Panel Vice Chair and Artist/Writer/Curator
- Hollis Hammonds, AIPP Panel Member and Artist/Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of Art, St. Edwards University
- Ilse Frank, AIPP Panel Member and Landscape Architect, Studio Balcones

Advisors

The Selection Panel will be aided by a group of non-voting Project Advisors, including City staff and community stakeholders.

Submission Requirements

Applicants must submit applications through www.PublicArtist.org.

Questions Contact

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Schedule

April 15, 2013
Request for Proposal (RFP) released

May 21, 2013
Artist Information Meeting

June 13, 2013
Deadline for RFP submission

June 25, 2013
Selection Panel review of submissions and selection of finalist

July 1, 2013
Approval of Artist by AIPP Panel

July 15, 2013
Approval of Artist by Arts Commission

August, 2013

Artist(s) under contract

Fall 2013

Artwork installations

List of Approved Parkland

78702

- Boggy Creek Greenbelt 1114 Nile St. 89 acres
- Metz Park 2407 Canterbury St. 5 acres
- Plaza Saltillo 412 Comal St
- Rosewood Park 2300 Rosewood Ave. 13 acres

78703

- Johnson Creek Greenbelt 2100 Enfield Rd. 59 acres
- Reed Park 2600 Pecos St. 6 acres
- Walsh Boat Landing 1600 Scenic Dr. 4 acres

78704

- Big Stacy Park 700 E. Live Oak St. 3 acres
- Little Stacy Park 1400 Alameda Dr. 6 acres
- South Austin Park 1100 Cumberland Rd. 11 acres
- South Austin Tennis Center 1008 Cumberland Rd. 9.02 acres

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- Dottie Jordan Park 2803 Loyola Ln. 11 acres
- J.J. Seabrook Greenbelt 2000 Pershing Dr. 3 acres

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- Morrison Ranch 9501 FM 969 RD 319.04 acres

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- Riata Park 12401 Riata Trace 7 acres

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- Perry Playground Park 4900 Fairview Dr. 6 acres

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- Gaines Creek Park 4801 Republic of Texas Blvd. 37 acres

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- Mabel Davis District Park 3427 Parker Ln. 78741 50 acres
- Montopolis Park 1200 Montopolis 7 acres

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- Dove Springs District Park 5801 Ainez Dr. 78744 59 acres

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- Longview Park 7609 Longview Rd. 20 acres

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- Silk Oak Park 3204 Silk Oak Dr. 4 acres
- Williams 500 Mairo St. 3.35 acres

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- Convict Hill Quarry Park 6511 Convict Hill Rd. 2 acres

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- Pickfair Park 10904 Pickfair Dr. 1 acre

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- Ramsey Park 4301 N. Rosedale Ave. 5 acres

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- Brentwood Park 6710 Arroyo Seco 9 acres

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- Great Hills Park 10801 Sierra Oaks 59 acres
- Schroeter Park 11701 Big Trail 12 acres