



Huntersville Public Art Commission
Department of Parks and Recreation
Public Call for Artists and Request for Submissions
Town Center Sculpture
(RFQ-HPAC-003)

Deadline: November 4, 2019
5:00PM EST

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Overview:

The Huntersville Public Art Commission (HPAC) is seeking a qualified artist to commission a temporary public art display located at the Huntersville Town Center town owned property located at 105 Gilead Road Huntersville, NC 28078. This project seeks ideas for new designs or existing works of art to be displayed in the courtyard of the Town Offices and Discovery Place Kids for approximately (1) year from January 2020-December 2020. This project is sponsored by a \$2,500 grant through the **Arts & Science Council of Mecklenburg County**. Qualified artist(s) will work directly with the Town of Huntersville and the HPAC on design and installation. The target installation date is Mid-January 2020. Thank you for your interest!

Deadline:

This call and request for qualifications is open until 5:00PM on Monday November 4, 2019. To ensure fairness to all, requests for any extensions or waivers of deadlines will not be granted. The HPAC reserves the right to postpone, suspend, cancel or extend this deadline at any time and through public notice.

Eligibility:

This call is open to all artists who currently live or work in the State of North Carolina. Submitted designs must be original with a preferred creative kinetic or interactive use of materials of the artist's choice. Submitted designs can be created in any medium so long as it can be submitted digitally.

Selection Process:

A selection committee which includes representatives from the HPAC will review all submitted proposals within 72 hours of the submission deadline of November 6, 2019. Review of submitted designs and decision on selected piece will take place at the HPAC monthly meeting on Wednesday November 6, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Huntersville Town Offices at 105 Gilead Rd. Huntersville, NC. The meeting is open to the public.

The selection committee will then present the recommended design to the Huntersville Town Board of Commissioners on November 18, 2019 for final approval.

Selection Criteria:

The selection committee will use the following criteria in determining the finalist:

- Innovation and creativity in prior projects and proposed design.
- Demonstrated craftsmanship and technical knowledge of working with kinetic materials.
- Experience in creating public art work displays in collaboration and partnership with public entities.
- Knowledge and proficiency in protecting permanent displays from weather commonly found in Huntersville, NC.

- Preference will be given to Huntersville and Charlotte-Mecklenburg County based artists.
- Preference toward creativity in kinetic and interactive design.
- Completeness of the application process as outlined in this announcement.

Location:

The location of the display will highlight a frequently traveled position on the Southwest corner of Gilead Rd. and Old Statesville Rd. (Rt. 115) intersection. With the entrance of Discovery Place Kids and Town of Huntersville Offices within steps, the area has high pedestrian traffic and is often a central place of gathering for all ages. The selected art is expected to be a focal point of interest of the square which also features all weather seating, solid brick foundation and an honorary clock dedicated by the Lake Norman – Huntersville Rotary Club.



The area allocated for the final piece is the site of previous Public Art which were displayed for (1) year. The expectation is to relocate the selected design to a permanent location within the Town of Huntersville owned land in downtown Huntersville.

The land which now encompasses the lawn south of the location has been zoned for commercial development.

The area is exposed to the elements of weather which include four seasons with hot summers and annual snow and ice storms.

Previous Displays:

Following are sculptures previously donated for display at the Huntersville Town Offices.



- Artist Rich Nossel, "Kinetic Rojo" 2019 and "Flight 28078" 2018

Budget:

The selected artist will receive **\$2500.00** for all expenses, time and effort whether the piece is newly built or an existing design.

Installation and Display:

The installation date is scheduled for Mid-January 2020 following deconstruction of the Huntersville Christmas decorations. The sculpture will be on display from Mid-January 2020 until the start of *A Huntersville Christmas* in December 2020. At which point, the sculpture will be relocated to a permanent display within the Town of Huntersville to be determined.

Timeline:

October 10, 2019	Call to Artist Announcement
November 4, 2019	Response from Artist Due by 5:00PM EST
November 5, 2019	HPAC Review Process Begins
November 6, 2019	HPAC Review Process Complete
November 18, 2019	HPAC Presents Recommendation to Town Board
	Selected Artist Contacted
January 2020	Installation

How To Apply:

All qualified and interested artists are encouraged to apply. All application requirements must be met to be considered. All applications, submissions and questions should be directed to Alison Ahrens at AAhrens@huntersville.org / 704-766-2253 / 105 Gilead Rd. Floor 3, Huntersville, NC 28078.

All submissions are due by 5:00PM Monday November 4, 2019.

1. One page statement of interest briefly describing the concept design and your inspiration behind the design.
2. One page resume or curriculum vitae.
3. Design Proposals: You may submit up to a maximum of 3 different designs for consideration. All designs should be submitted separately with its own statement of interest as explained in item 1.
4. All images should be medium to high resolution (50dpi, 800x600px minimum) JPEG files, a maximum of 4 draft images per submission.
5. Samples of your other work. Up to 10 images with descriptions to include title, date, size, medium and for public art location, commissioning organization, item description and budget.