



SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Artist-in-Residence

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), an independent state agency serving Metro Boston, seeks an Artist-in-Residence (AIR) to serve as a key member of an agency team focused on advancing arts and cultural goals in Greater Boston. This is an opportunity to work in a dynamic, inter-disciplinary, and innovative environment and to build a more sustainable and equitable future for metropolitan Boston.

About MAPC

MAPC is the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) serving the people who live and work in metropolitan Boston, an area of 3.2 million people with 101 cities and towns. Our mission includes protecting the environment, encouraging sustainable land use, ensuring public safety, improving transportation, expanding access to affordable housing, supporting community and economic development, fostering artistic and cultural vitality, advancing equity and opportunity among people of all backgrounds, and fostering collaboration among cities and towns. Our mission is guided by our regional plan, *MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region*. For more information about MAPC and *MetroFuture*, visit www.mapc.org.

The Arts & Culture Division is a team of planners and artists providing comprehensive local and regional arts and cultural planning, creative community development, and placemaking services to cities, towns, and mission-aligned organizations. The Division also works with MAPC's Government Affairs staff on policy issues related to arts and culture in the Commonwealth. To learn more about our work, visit www.mapc.org/our-work/expertise/arts-and-culture.

The Artist in Residence (AIR) Program creates opportunities for artists, arts and cultural organizers, cultural producers, curators, and others to bring socially engaged art practices into government- and community-led planning and community development projects. The AIR also helps the agency forge new partnerships with local artists and arts and cultural organizations. The residency presents a unique and exciting opportunity for artists to learn about urban planning and to innovate their arts practice to directly engage with planning and community development initiatives at the neighborhood, municipal, and regional levels.

Responsibilities

The AIR will serve an 18-month term extending from summer 2018 until fall 2019. The AIR will have the opportunity to develop and implement projects that creatively advance MAPC's planning and community development work in Metro Boston. Responsibilities include:

- Developing socially engaged arts projects and managing or co-managing projects from conception to completion;
- Developing arts and culture-focused elements of larger planning projects led by various MAPC departments, with the opportunity to become involved as an advisor and/or participant in project design/scoping, creative outreach and engagement, and implementation;
- Participating in the design of art and culture-focused professional development trainings for municipal staff, artists, and community developers;
- Engaging local artists and cultural organizers in MAPC planning projects across a range of disciplines, including arts and culture, public health, housing, economic development, transportation, and climate resiliency;
- Attending select MAPC staff meetings, evening meetings and occasional weekend meetings for projects, and engaging in local and regional travel.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a minimum of 3-5 five years of relevant experience in arts and culture and a professional and/or academic background in any of the following areas: public art, arts administration, curation, fine arts, mixed media, urban design, architecture, sociology, anthropology, urban studies, community development, or other arts-related disciplines. Experience working directly with other artists, non-profit organizations, community-based groups, and local government is desired.

Successful candidates will demonstrate all or most of the following:

- Experience working effectively with community-based organizations, community groups, and the arts and culture community, including artists, arts organizations, as well as municipal staff;
- Experience collaborating effectively with artists working in various disciplines, e.g., music, dance, theatre, visual art, etc.;
- Experience working in a range of community types, including diverse urban neighborhoods, developing suburban centers, and/or small or rural communities;
- Experience managing projects involving community partners and budgets exceeding \$10,000;
- Knowledge of any of the following areas of MAPC work: arts and cultural planning, arts and cultural organizing, community development, civic engagement, housing, economic development, land use planning, creative mapping and data presentation, transportation, sustainability, climate resiliency, clean energy, public safety, public health, and/or food systems;
- Familiarity with municipal permitting processes pertaining to arts and cultural activities in public places and spaces (experience navigating these processes is desirable, but not required);
- Demonstrated interpersonal communication and public presentation skills; and/or
- A collaborative, friendly, self-motivated, and adventurous attitude.

Compensation and Benefits

This is a part-time, non-exempt, benefits eligible position. The average work week is 20-25 hours based on project needs. The pay rate is \$25.90 per hour. MAPC offers excellent Massachusetts state employee benefits as well as a flexible, supportive, and family-friendly work environment and a commitment to continued professional development.

Apply To

Apply online at www.mapc.org. In your cover letter, please describe some of the current issues you would be interested in engaging with during the term of your residency, the skills and approach you strive to bring, and provide a link and details for accessing work samples. Please attach a cover letter, resume, three references, a brief artist statement, and 3-5 work samples accessible in a digital format, e.g., a website, DropBox link, Google Drive link, Instagram, Flickr, Tumblr, YouTube, or similar service.

A review of applications will begin immediately. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidates must have legal authorization to work in the USA and a valid driver's license and/or the ability to arrange transportation to meetings in different parts of the region.

MAPC is an EOE/AA employer. We take pride in the diversity of our workforce and encourage all qualified persons to apply.