



City of San Marcos Community Services - Parks and Recreation San Marcos Mural Arts Committee

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Request for Proposals

Project: Outdoor Mural – Sessom Drive Retaining Wall

Artist/Artist Team Stipend: \$18,000

Deadline: Monday, February 25, 2019, 5:00 pm CST

Project Summary

The City of San Marcos Mural Arts Committee seeks to commission a professional visual artist or artist team to design and paint a mural on a retaining wall located along Sessom Drive below Treehouse Apartments and east of the San Marcos Center. See location map below.

The project must display imagery that expresses the theme in line with the Edwards Aquifer. Imagery can be simple or graphic representatives to relay the idea as long as it promotes at least one or more of the following themes:

- Underground visualization of the Edwards Aquifer and native species
- Recharge features
- Environmental Stewardship
- Or images related to the above artistic themes

The artist stipend for this project is \$18,000. Materials for the project will be provided by the City of San Marcos. The application deadline is Monday, February 25, 2019, 5:00 pm CST.

Project Background and Goals

The retaining wall along Sessom Dr. and Sessom Creek receives a lot of graffiti. This location is great to add vibrant art that represents the life and elements of the Edwards Aquifer. This is a high traffic area with lots of visibility. The wall is approximately 1,768 square feet. See included photos of wall area.

The goals of this mural project are

- To beautify and add character to the neighborhood.
- Add to the growing collection of public art.
- Deter graffiti.
- Provide community engagement through paint days.

The project should meet the following objectives

- To create a mural that is colorful and inspiring for residents and visitors.
- To create a mural that is reflective of the community values.

Artist Eligibility

Preference will be given to local artists or artist teams who have prior experience in mural/large-scale artworks and prior experience in the creation of public art.

Evaluation Criteria

The selection of an artist, or artist team, will be based upon

- Artistic merit of the design.
- Appropriateness of the design for the location, including the scale, content, color and design in relation to the site.
- Concept promotes themes stated in project summary
- Artist's qualifications.
- Originality of the design.

Budget

The total amount to be paid to the artist is a stipend is \$18,000, inclusive of the design and painting process. This does not include paint, brushes, lifts, etc. These items will be provided by the City of San Marcos in a quantity and quality that is agreed upon by both parties.

Timeline – subject to change

February 25, 2019, 5pm (CST)	Deadline for submission of proposals.
February 26-March 15, 2019	Review, selection, and contracting of the artist/artist team.
March 16- May 31, 2019	Painting of the mural.

Submission Guidelines

Multiple designs may be submitted and must include:

- A preliminary concept drawing and narrative. The narrative should convey the artistic intent, colors, style of work, etc. Please send each image as a .jpg and label with the artist's last name, image number and image title. For example: Smith_01.jpg, Smith_02.jpg, etc. Images must be 1028x728 pixels (or smaller) and at least 72 dpi.
- Timetable for completion of the mural.
- Contact Information (resume and artist statement are helpful and encouraged.)
- Examples of other relevant works and/or reviews of similar work. Maximum of 5 images. Please send each image as a .jpg and label with the artist's last name, image number and image title. For example: Smith_01.jpg, Smith_02.jpg, etc. Images must be 1028x728 pixels (or smaller) and at least 72 dpi.
- Suggested plan for utilizing community volunteers to assist with painting the mural.
- Estimated cost of materials.

Please submit proposals by February 25, 2019 to:

San Marcos Mural Project

c/o Lisa Morris

630 E. Hopkins

San Marcos, TX 78666

Or email artsubmission@sanmarcostx.gov



LOCATION OF WALL:

