



# OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS FOR PROPOSALS

## **FIRST RESPONDERS TRIBUTE AT FIRE STATION #175**

### **PUBLIC ART IN THE CITY OF AVONDALE**

In Avondale, people share a strong sense of community and a deep sense of pride in what has been accomplished and what it is today. There is strong belief that the blending of a broad spectrum of cultures comes from a true sense of harmony, and this is demonstrated in the way that people and businesses are welcomed with open arms and supported.

Through the Public Art Master Plan, the Avondale Municipal Art Committee seeks to define Avondale's unique sense of place, with a community identity that celebrates the past and embraces the future as a rich and vibrant arts and entertainment center celebrating the talents and culture of the people who live here.

Public art throughout the city captures this sense of a welcoming community. The City strives to showcase public art in places where people gather or frequently pass by. Public art is almost always included as part of city capital projects, such as parks, civic center campus, resource centers and public safety buildings. The organization's Core Purpose is Making Lives Better, and we value employees who conduct themselves in ways that are Helpful, Kind and Professional.

Artists are encouraged to be as creative as possible to create a public art work that will enhance the streetscape, capture the excitement of the entire community and put Avondale on the map among public art projects.

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The City of Avondale is seeking to install public art for a new Fire Station #175, which is currently under construction at 127th Avenue and Van Buren Street. The public art will be located outdoors, in a highly visible site near the east entrance of the Station. It will be viewed from the street by both pedestrians and motorists, and is in proximity to another public art sculpture, The Flow, located at the northwest corner of 127th Avenue and Van Buren Street. The public art piece can be either a newly-conceived or readily available for purchase art work that will complement the site and be thematically appealing.

### **PROJECT MISSION/VISION**

It is the desire of the City of Avondale to include public art as part of the landscape for the new Fire Station #175. The Avondale Municipal Art Committee has provided direction that this public art will serve as a tribute to the First Responders of the City of Avondale, whose commitment to their profession provides outstanding, life-saving services to the residents of the City of Avondale and surrounding communities. The artwork should represent the heroic, selfless sacrifices of our First Responders.

### **TIMELINE OF PROJECT**

The project will be awarded this summer and must be completed ahead of the planned opening of the new Fire Station #175, which is scheduled for December 2021.



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## **BUDGET**

Budget for the project shall not exceed \$65,000. This includes all design, fabrication, and installation costs.

## **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

The first public art element will be located outdoors by the east entrance of the Fire Station, near 127th Avenue and Van Buren Street.

The proposed art may be a single piece or consist of multiple exhibits, provided it fits within the confines of the allocated space. A site area of 20' x 30' has been provided for artwork to be placed and for patron viewing with access to electrical and irrigation for incorporation into to artwork as needed. Preference is for artwork be vertically oriented for visibility from Van Buren by traffic. Preferred height range for artwork is 8'-0" to 10'-0".

- The art will be a “uniquely Avondale” statement piece, with a multi-generational appeal.
- The art must be easy to maintain and withstand the outdoor elements
- The art must meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- The artist will work with the City’s Project Manager to coordinate with the project’s architect and construction contractor. Coordination will include determination of installation location, preparations, site logistics, delivery, site safety and other aspects of completing the work.
- The artist will work with the City’s Traffic Engineer to ensure that the art will not impact the traveling public.
- The artist will be required to attend progress meetings as necessary.
- The artist will be required to present their concept to City staff to obtain relevant feedback that may be incorporated into the project.
- Project must be completed and installed by December 2021.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

This project is open to all professional sculpture artists and design architects.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The City will select the concept that best suits the project. The selection process will take into consideration the artist’s past projects, professional experience, and will give careful consideration to the submittal statement describing the project and the drawings and/or photographs submitted.

Qualified artists will be required to present and discuss their concept with City staff. Additionally, artists may be required to make a presentation before the Avondale Municipal Art Committee at a date to be determined.



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## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for this project:

- A minimum of five and maximum of ten photographs of work completed within the past five years work, including the dimensions of each piece.
- Copy of a current resume
- Contact information
- Three to Five images either photograph(s) or drawings and dimensions of the work to be considered, including any environmental considerations or restrictions
- Artist statement regarding the work to be considered
- Artist's installation requirements

Budget: Proposed budget for project completion.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications must be received at the Avondale City Hall, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323 by 5:00 p.m. M.S.T. on Monday, May 10, 2021 or submitted electronically by registering at:  
<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Vendor/Register/Index/the-city-of-avondale-az-vendor-registration>

For Questions please contact [publicart@avondaleaz.gov](mailto:publicart@avondaleaz.gov)

**DISCLAIMER:** The City of Avondale reserves the right to make the final decision as it best represents the view of the City of Avondale.