

Public Art Installation Grants Request for Proposals Montpelier Public Art Commission Issue Date: January 4, 2021

Overview

The Montpelier Public Art Commission is eager to award micro-grants (up to \$1500) to Vermont- based visual artists or artist teams for temporary art installations (0 to 5 years) throughout the City of Montpelier. The commission is open to awarding grants for a wide range of proposals with varying media, styles, and installation time periods, however, successful submissions must be engaging for the public and have the effect of bringing people together and inspiring hope. Selected works will be documented, promoted, and included in the Montpelier Art Walk and other city-wide arts events.

Submission Requirements

1. Artist/artist team names, contact information, websites
2. Project description, including proposed location within Montpelier city limits (500 word maximum)
3. Project budget
4. Images of proposed work and previous pieces (10 maximum)
5. Artist statement (250 word maximum)
6. Bio (250 word maximum per artist/team member)
7. CV or resume

Guidelines

- Proposed works must be durable and able to withstand the duration of installation.
- Artists are responsible for the installation of their work.
- The Commission is particularly interested in works that activate the Montpelier bike path, as well as other high-traffic sites, though artists are welcome to propose different locations in Montpelier. The potential also exists for installations in Hubbard Park.
- Because the city will be improving the empty lot on Main Street between Shaws and The Drawing Board in the spring of 2021, the wall above The Drawing Board is a high profile location the Commission is particularly hoping to fill with an installation or mural.
- Selected works will be documented, promoted, and included in the Montpelier Art Walk and other city-wide arts events.
- Submissions should be sent to montpelierartsvt@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on March 12.

Project Timeline

January 4, 2021: RFP released

March 12, 2021: Deadline for submissions

April 9, 2021: Grants announced

June 15, 2021: Art installation completed

Selection Criteria

The selection will be made by the Commission. Proposals must be appropriate for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. If they meet this criteria, they will then be scored according the goals and guiding principles outlined in the Montpelier Public Art Master Plan (p. 10):

1. Pursue excellence in public art – 30 point
2. Enhance community character and attachment to place – 30 points
3. Contribute to community vitality – 20 points
4. Involve a broad range of people and communities – 20 points

Nondiscrimination

The City of Montpelier does not discriminate against any qualified individual on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic bias, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other category protected by applicable state or federal law.

Questions?

Artists are encouraged to reach out to the Commission with any questions, such as project location, and checking with property owners about possible installations ahead of proposing work. Inquiries should be made by sending an email to the Montpelier Public Arts Commission at: montpelierartsvt@gmail.com