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ACX Community Outreach Design Charrette

A collaboration among design professions for the generation of design ideas, marketing materials, and furthering non-profit initiatives

Request For Proposals 2019 Deadlines

Application Period was announced in January 2019

Application Period closed March 15, 2019

Selected Projects will be announced by April 15, 2019

ACX Event May 21, 2019 at Hilton, Battery Street, Burlington, VT

About the Request for Proposals (RFP)

ACX VT invites proposals (see application on page 4) from Vermont nonprofits, municipalities, and community-based groups for pro-bono design and planning input. Proposals must be for a specific project (i.e. not for ongoing design services for the organization), and the project must address a stated need that exists in Vermont.

The RFP offers an opportunity for groups to propose projects focusing on design visioning. The proposals will be reviewed and ranked based on our mission and our capacity. We prioritize inclusive design projects that foreground equitable approaches to addressing race, gender, and socioeconomic status in the built environment.

1 or 2 representatives are required to be present at the ACX Event to discuss their project.

Do You Qualify for the Program?

If you are a Vermont based nonprofit group (or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a nonprofit organization), and you have a specific project for which you need design and planning input, then you qualify for this program. AIA and CSI VT members have worked with both large, established nonprofits and small, less formal community organizations, and we welcome proposals from groups at either end of the scale.

Services Provided to Selected Organizations

We will use our architecture skills and knowledge to work with community-based organizations to provide design input for constituencies who are underserved by the architecture and design professions, often in the form of design drawings, graphic booklets, and small scale models.

In working with numerous community-based organizations, we see our partner organizations consistently thinking big to overcome complex challenges. We also understand the significant budget limitations that most nonprofits face daily. Often a great idea benefits from professional services that can help to define the project and attract the funding and support needed to execute a built project. This event exists to fill that gap and ensure each group is prepared to realize their visions.

The day of the event, a group of design professionals will meet with the project representatives to discuss the project in an interdisciplinary design process called a charrette. The charrette will entail a 2-3 hour period of discussion, analysis, and development of conceptual ideas. Deliverables will vary as most appropriate for each project, but typically will include hand sketches, narratives, and conceptual drawings.

Not Sure Where Your Project Fits In?

Submit your project idea via email to ACXsubmissions@gmail.com with a couple paragraphs of what you're thinking about.

FAQ

What is ACX?

ACX is an annual Architecture and Construction Expo organized by AIAVT and the Vermont Chapter of CSI.

AIA Vermont, the Vermont Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, is an organization of architectural design professionals dedicated to enhancing the quality of our built environment, and thereby the quality of life. The Chapter endeavors to bring together and serve all who are interested in the art and science of architecture. AIA Vermont aspires to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of the architectural profession, expand the knowledge of all participating in the architectural process and improve the quality of services provided by architectural professionals.

Learn more at <https://www.aiavt.org/>

CSI VT is the local chapter of the The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), a non-profit association with over 7,500 members in 140 chapters nationwide, dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. CSI's membership is a unique cross section of the construction industry and includes architects, specifiers, contractors, product representatives, owners, facility managers, engineers, contractors and building material suppliers.

Learn more at <https://www.csivermont.org>

Can you build my house, draw a plan for my backyard, or stamp my construction drawings?

We are not an architecture or a construction firm. We cannot provide stamped drawings and we cannot work on individual household projects. If you are looking for stamped architectural services there are many excellent architecture firms listed on AIAVT.org

What is a Charrette?

A charrette is a type of participatory planning process that assembles an interdisciplinary team—typically consisting of planners, citizens, city officials, architects, landscape architects, transportation engineers, parks and recreation officials, and other stakeholders—to create a design and implementation plan for a specific project. It differs from a traditional community consultation process in that it is design based. In addition, and as opposed to traditional planning exercises that can take a long time to be finalized, charrettes are usually compressed into a short period of time. See photos on the next page from a previous design charrette.



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APPLICATION

Please submit via email to acxsubmissions@gmail.com

Organization:

(Name)

(Address)

Contact:

(Name)

(Phone Number)

(Address)

Design Problem

Name/Title:

i.e. Town Hall Accessibility, New Library Location, Natural Playground, Community Garden, ...

(Location)

if applicable

(Stated need)

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