



## Request for Submissions:

**ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, in cooperation with AIAVT, seeks artists, architects, makers, and tinkerers to create original artworks as part of the Innovation Playground 2.0.** The Innovation Playground celebrates lifelong play and its role in sparking technological, social, and artistic innovation in our community.

### PROJECT INTENT

**Nesting Box Project** will model creative, species-specific habitats for local birds as one type of applied innovation. Submissions will be on display and in use for the duration of the Innovation Playground 2.0 Exhibit from September 22, 2018 - January 6, 2019.

### PROJECT EXECUTION

Participants will choose (or be assigned) one of three species ([Northern Flicker](#), [Barn Swallow](#) & [Wren](#)) with the challenge of designing and building an innovative nesting box that suits the ecological needs of the given species. Successful projects will not only be captivating to experience as humans but also serve as necessary nesting spaces for these native bird species, which are currently in decline. Guests will vote for best-in-species designs and the winning submissions will be hung by ECHO in the newly constructed Hoehl Sculpture Garden, located directly south of ECHO.

### PROJECT DELIVERABLE

Each participating individual or organization will submit:

One **nesting box**, the longest dimensions of which will not exceed 12" wide, 12" deep, and 24" tall. The orientation of the nesting box can take any shape, but the "habitable space" inside needs to meet the specified dimensions. There are no material constraints, but all submissions should be sufficiently durable for outdoor installation.

One **visual guide** sheet (11x17, horizontal or vertical orientation, mounted on foam core) used to tell a story of inspiration, intent, or process. It is recommended these sheets use as little language as possible (diagrammatic storytelling works well for our younger audience and will be a way to showcase participants' visual vocabularies) and that they maintain legibility from 10' away. To assure a consistent layout among submissions, a title block template will be distributed to entrants.

Also include a **bullet point list** with the following information:

- Artist/Participant's/Organization's Name
- Artist/Participant's/Organization's contact information (for internal use)
- Piece's Title

- Material List
- 5-7 additional bullet points with any other information the participant would like to provide.
- Please send this list via email to Sarah O Donnell at [sarah.odonnell@aiavt.org](mailto:sarah.odonnell@aiavt.org)

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Pieces should engage with the concepts of play, innovation, and creativity.
- Pieces should be made of materials suitable for exterior installation.
- Pieces should have a hook, bracket or other connection-point from which to hang
- Pieces should be not exceed 12" wide, 12" deep, and 24" tall.
- Pieces will be hung out of reach of the public but should be durable enough to exist unassisted for the duration of the exhibit.
- Aforementioned bullet point list

## PROJECT TIMELINE

- **22 June** Release RFS
- **August 1** Deadline to Sign Up to Participate
- **10-14 September** Submission Delivered to ECHO to the attention of Jacob Mushlin
- **2 October** Innovation Playground 2.0 Opening Reception
- **29 December** Votes tallied, winning submissions announced
- **7-11 January** Submission available for pick-up.

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

Individuals or Organizations that wish to participate should fill out the initial sign up sheet [here](#).

## FABRICATION

[Generator](#) in Burlington is generously offering participants of the Nesting Box Project 50% off of their monthly general membership (regularly \$90), as well as 35% off their normal tool training certificate sessions, which are necessary for using the shops. Participants will also be able to take advantage of options for doing advanced skill training. For more information, please contact Sarah O Donnell at the contact info below.

For questions please contact:

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