

Fifth Ward Redevelopment Corporation
5th Ward Cultural Arts District

Request for Qualifications

Public Art Project for St. Elizabeth Place (exterior space)

Budget: \$85,000.00

Deadline: November 1, 2024 5:00 PM CST

Location: 4514 Lyons, Houston, TX 77020

Eligibility: 5th Ward neighborhood artists and local Houston artists

Summary

5th Ward Cultural Arts District requests the submission of qualifications from artists or artist teams to design, fabricate, and install a major permanent work of public art for St. Elizabeth Place.

The Saint Elizabeth Hospital is located on the Lyons Avenue Corridor in the Fifth Ward community. The original building was constructed in 1947 by the Archdiocese of Galveston.

The hospital's original building is in the shape of a capital "E," symbolizing Elizabeth, and was constructed in the elegant, less-ornamented Art Décoratifs-style that was popular in the late 1940s. A chapel separated the two wings, and a Convent was constructed to the east of the main building which is now connected by a steel concourse walkway. The hospital originally accommodated 60 beds and additional floors and wings were added during the 1950s and an additional non-historic structure to the southwest of the building was added in the late 1980s.

The original structure is a three-story structure with a partial sunlight basement. Stone steps lead to an over-sized entrance featuring a frieze of the hospital's namesake Saint Elizabeth in white stone, a stone cross completes the building imposing nature on the roof. This opportunity seeks artwork inspired by the building architecture, the history of the hospital and its importance to the community and city, and the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. St. Elizabeth was known for roses, bread, and her kindness to the poor.

St. Elizabeth is being preserved and repurposed as a housing development for the community. This project is focused on honoring the history of the St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Fifth Ward community.

The artwork should:

- Express the vibrant, dynamic, and historic nature of the 5th Ward Community
- Seamlessly integrate into the bricked pavement walkway of the building
- Compliment the building's front courtyard area

- Demonstrate an authentic blend of culture, history, and the heart & soul of the community
- Bring bright, warm, inviting, and playful elements to the building's entrance
- Include inspirations from the St. Elizabeth Hospital History such as:
 - Red Roses, Bread, St. Elizabeth, Basket of Bread, widows, Passion for the poor and hungry, love for humanity

Location of Artwork

The proposed work will be located in the courtyard of St. Elizabeth. The area will be paved in concrete and serve as a communal area for residents.





The Artwork should preferably be able to be scaled up or down. This piece should be large enough for many people to enjoy afar and up close.

Scope of Civic Art Project and Artwork Requirements

Commissioned artworks will be subject to the following requirements:

- Artworks should be family-friendly and suitable for public display to a diverse audience.
- Artworks must be free of safety hazards.
- Artworks must meet or exceed City of Houston ADA requirements.
- Artworks should require minimal maintenance.
- Artwork must have an expected life span of at least 20 years.

Eligibility

THE FOLLOWING ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:

Open to all artists and artist-teams over 18 years of age residing in Houston or surrounding areas.

Location and Site

1. 4514 Lyons, Houston, TX 77020
2. (Include Maps, photos)

Budget

- The budget of \$85,000.00 is inclusive of all work including, but not limited to, design proposals, artists' fees, design, engineering, permitting, insurance costs for each year of the project, permanent lighting, software, studio and project administration, travel, fabrication, all materials, installation, and required deliverables.

Application Requirements

1. Artist(s) resume or CV, relevant information for any other key team members
2. Artist(s) Biography
3. Artist Statement

4. Statement of Intent and bold vision. Please explain your proposed work and include a visual representation to support your proposal.

5. Digital images of completed artworks. Applicants should submit up to five (5) images with accompanying work sample descriptions.

Selection Process

A collective panel of staff, artists, and community members/stakeholders will review qualified submissions and select an artist for this opportunity.

Review of artist qualifications will be subject to the following criteria:

- The artist's work demonstrates a unique voice, perspective, or aesthetic
- The artist's submission demonstrates their ability to create site-specific artwork which responds to the history, culture, and identity of the community.

Contact

For questions or more information, please contact: Harrison Guy at info@5thwardarts.org and 281-968-0059.

Maximum Award For Services:

\$85,000

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Entry Fee: No