

SHERIDAN AVENUE PLAZA PUBLIC ART PROJECT

WHITING INDIANA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals

The Whiting Arts Council, in partnership with the City of Whiting, the Whiting Redevelopment Commission and the Whiting-Robertsdale Community Improvement Corporation, is soliciting proposals from qualified artists to design and fabricate a public sculpture for installation in Whiting, Indiana at 119th Street and Sheridan Avenue.

The successful project will embody the spirit of the Whiting community and serve as an iconic landmark for residents and visitors. As such, it should display high aesthetic merit and be designed to successfully weather the elements for an extended period of time.

Context

The Artwork will be installed as part of a renovation of a vacant lot at 119th & Sheridan. This lot is being transformed into the Sheridan Avenue Plaza, a common greenspace and entertainment stage that will serve as a focal point for celebration of live music, theater and other outdoor events.

Please see attached conceptual drawing for precise placement. The Artwork will take the place of the pillar shown in the teardrop-shaped area on this rendering.

The Artwork must not exceed a 5'x5' square and, depending on size, may be placed on a concrete pedestal whose dimensions will be determined in conjunction with the artist. The cost of the pedestal will be borne by the City.

Timeframe

Proposals must be submitted to the Whiting Arts Council no later than 5pm on 17 June.

Proposals may be submitted via mail to:

Whiting Arts Council
RE: Sheridan Avenue Plaza
1413- 119th Street
Whiting IN 46394

Proposals may alternately be submitted electronically to:

Brian Lowry
brian@shorelineconsult.com

If sending electronically, please include "Sheridan Avenue Plaza" in the subject line

A winning proposal, should one emerge, will be selected on or about 1 July 2016. Winner will be notified by the Committee shortly thereafter.

An installation timeline will be established in conjunction with the artist selected.

Budget

\$10,000 total (to include material, delivery to the site and artist's compensation; installation will be negotiated separately).

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PLEASE NOTE: The Whiting Arts Council would also be interested in reviewing any proposals that exceed this budget to consider for future public arts projects.

Proposals

An artist may submit a maximum of five distinct design proposals.

Each proposal must include the following

- A rendering (2D or 3D) of the proposed Artwork
 - Up to 3 distinct renderings per design may be included in order to clarify design
- Dimensions of the proposed Artwork
- Materials to be used/fabrication process
- Artist's statement of intent
- Artist's qualifications
- Up to 10 photos (jpegs if electronic submission) of other completed work, along with budgets
- A proposed timeline and plan for fabrication and installation

All proposals will be considered valid for 180 days. Submission materials will not be returned.

Eligibility

The project is open to all artists, aged 18 and over. The Whiting Arts Council and its partners do not discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, orientation, national origin, religion, or disability.

For Additional Information

For more information about the Whiting Arts Council, please visit: studio659.org

For more information about the City of Whiting, please visit: whitingindiana.com

Inquiries regarding the Sheridan Avenue Plaza Public Art Project may be emailed to: Brian Lowry, brian@shorelineconsult.com

Selection

The Whiting Arts Council Public Art committee will review all complete submissions and make recommendations to the Whiting Arts Council and the City of Whiting. All decisions are final.

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