

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY: THE RISE AT 19TH



APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 14, 2019, 11:59 pm

BUDGET: \$40,000 plus foundation and/or site prep work

APPLY: <https://tacomaarts.submittable.com/submit>

SUMMARY

The Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) is seeking an artist or team to design and fabricate an exterior public artwork for The Rise at 19th, a new affordable housing development owned and operated by THA.

After the initial application review, three finalists will be selected and paid a \$500 stipend each to develop a preliminary proposal. That proposal will include a written description, budget, and concept renderings to be presented during an in-person interview. Further details will be communicated to finalists upon selection. One artist or artist team will be selected from the three finalists to complete this project. This process is being managed by the City of Tacoma's Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality for THA.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant(s) must live in Pierce County, WA
- Applicant(s) can apply as a single artist or as an artist team
- Applicant(s) must be 18 years or older
- Applicant(s) cannot be an employee, board member, council member, or commissioner of THA or the City of Tacoma
- People who are members of historically disenfranchised racial, ethnic, cultural, and other identity groups are encouraged to apply

OPPORTUNITY

The Rise at 19th is in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma, at the corner of S. 19th and G Streets. The artwork will be located within the outdoor recreation area at the southwest corner of the site, which includes a barbeque/dining area, garden plots, and a grass lawn. A successful artwork will be visible from the busy corner, help beautify the neighborhood, and provide a welcoming environment for residents of the building and community members. The artwork can be any appropriate outdoor medium including sculpture, mural, or mosaic. The artwork should:

- Be site responsive
- Relate to a diverse group of people, including the residents of the building
- Contribute to a more welcoming and engaging experience
- Complement the mission and vision of THA
- Add to the character of the neighborhood
- Be appropriately scaled for the building
- Be long-lasting, durable, and require little maintenance

In addition to the budget, THA will provide foundation and/or site prep work as part of the larger construction project. The exact support provided by THA will depend on the needs of the final artwork and will be negotiated with THA, with the goal of leveraging work happening as part of the larger construction project. The artist will be responsible for final artwork installation.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Artistic quality as exemplified in past work
- Exhibited experience working in a scale and with materials appropriate to the site
- Ability to think conceptually and create signature artwork responsive to the site
- Ability to engage a broad audience
- Ability to meet project deadlines and design and oversee the installation of large art pieces

ABOUT TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

THA was formed in 1940 under the authority of the Washington State Housing Authorities Law and the Washington State Housing Cooperation Law. A five member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of the City of Tacoma governs THA. THA's area of operation is contiguous with that of the Tacoma city limits. THA also administers a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program serving about 3,500 households and provides or arranges for supportive services. More information can be found at www.tacomahousing.org.

THA's Mission: THA provides high quality, stable, and sustainable housing and supportive services to people in need. It does this in ways that help them become self-sufficient, that strengthen communities, and that use its public and private resources efficiently and effectively.

THA's Vision: THA envisions a future where everyone has an affordable, safe, and nurturing home, where neighborhoods are attractive places to live, work, attend school, shop, and play, and where everyone has the support they need to succeed as parents, students, wage earners, and neighbors.

ABOUT THE RISE AT 19TH

The Rise at 19th will continue THA's commitment to providing high quality, thoughtfully designed and affordable rental housing in the Hilltop. More importantly, it will ensure that there are additional affordable apartments in the Hilltop now and into the future for very low and low-income families and individuals, as well as those experiencing homelessness or disabilities.

The project offers a mix of one and two bedroom units, offering 64 affordable units for households earning between 30% and 60% AMI. A 20% special set-a-side is programmed for persons with disabilities and those experiencing homelessness.

TIMELINE *all dates subject to change*

October 14, 2019, 11:59 pm

by October 25, 2019

by November 8, 2019

by December 20, 2019

September 2020

Deadline for submissions

Review of submissions and selection of finalists

Orientation for finalists

Preliminary proposal presentations and selection of artist

Installation of artwork

QUESTIONS? Contact Rebecca Solverson at 253-591-5564 or email rebecca.solverson@cityoftacoma.org

TO APPLY

Eligible artists and artist teams interested in this opportunity must submit the following three items via Submittable (<https://tacomaarts.submittable.com/submit>):

1. Short Responses

Responses to the following questions in 300 words or less each:

- Tell us about yourself and your work.
- Why are you interested in this project?
- Anything else you'd like us to know? (optional)

2. Work Samples with Descriptions

Up to 10 digital images of past work with concise descriptions. Artist teams are encouraged to submit work that was previously completed as a team.

3. Resume & References

A resume of three pages or less, including three professional references. Artist teams should submit a resume for each artist. Only finalists' references will be contacted.



View of The Rise at 19th from S. 19th and G Streets, with area for the artwork circled in red.