



CALL TO VISUAL ARTISTS

CITY OF TACOMA MUNICIPAL ART PROGRAM

PORTABLE ARTWORKS PURCHASE FOR PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Pierce County artists are encouraged to submit existing original portable artworks for consideration of purchase and installation at People's Community Center in Tacoma. Artists of color are encouraged to apply. The selection panel will use the theme "*Beginning. Moving Forward.*" to select artwork for the space. Media can include, but is not limited to: painting, drawing, works on paper, photography, printmaking, digital, collage, mosaics, fiber, mixed-media, and wall-mountable low-relief sculpture. Portable artworks include 2-dimensional pieces that fall within Artwork Eligibility guidelines as listed below.

BUDGET: Up to \$10,000 in total purchases, including any required framing

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 13, 2017, 11:59 pm

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

- Must live in Pierce County
- Must be 18 years or older
- Panel will prioritize artists of color with a tie to the Hilltop community
- Cannot be a member of the Tacoma Arts Commission or a panel member for this purchase opportunity

ARTWORK ELIGIBILITY

- Submit up to 6 pieces of existing artwork available for purchase.
- Content/subject matter must be suitable for a general audience.
- Must be able to be hung on a wall.
- Artwork should be no smaller than 8" x 8" and no larger than 4' x 4'. Artwork cannot extend further than 6" from the wall. Artwork may be composed of multiple pieces hung together.
- Work should be submitted unframed. The Tacoma Arts Commission will take care of any required framing.
- Must be an original artwork or signed and numbered limited edition.
- Must be durable and require little maintenance.
- Cannot require a power source or utilities such as an electrical outlet, batteries, or running water.
- Price cannot exceed \$1,500 per artwork submitted (excluding taxes).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Artwork will be selected on the basis of:

- Artistic quality
- Appropriateness for a public setting
- Ability of work to create a more welcoming environment at the community center
- Relevance or relationship of artist and/or artwork to the Hilltop community
- Relationship to other selected works and ability to contribute to the theme “Beginning. Moving Forward.”
- Diversity of work and artists represented in the City’s artwork collection

BACKGROUND

Located at 1602 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, People's Community Center was built as a result of strong community organization and effort. A small community building was constructed on the site in the 1960s and eventually named the Malcom X Center. In the early 1970s, after the community began expressing concern that the site amenities were not adequate, the City of Tacoma pursued a federal development grant to fund a new, larger building. The new People's Center opened in 1978. Since then, People's Center has served as a cornerstone of the community for meeting and social functions.

With a primary focus on youth and after school programming, this central Tacoma "Hilltop" location is popular with adults and the many children and youth in the area and features a swimming pool, gymnasium, meeting rooms and other amenities.

In 2015, after years of planning and public input, construction began on a new People’s Community Center pool. The updated pool, which opened for use in September 2016, has a bigger footprint and improved amenities to help serve the needs of the Hilltop neighborhood and surrounding community. The City of Tacoma owns the building and Metro Parks operates it. The organizations worked together with a steering committee of local residents and stakeholders to plan for the pool’s return.

Funding for this portable works purchase opportunity comes from Metro Parks Tacoma and the City of Tacoma’s Municipal Art Program that dedicates 1% of construction costs from public capital projects to the creation of public art. Artworks purchased through this opportunity will become part of the City of Tacoma’s Municipal Art Collection. More information about the Municipal Art Program can be found at: www.cityoftacoma.org/arts

TIMELINE

February 13, 2017, 11:59 pm	Deadline for submissions
by March 10, 2017	Notification of Image & Application Review decisions
March 20, 2017, 9 am – 5 pm	Delivery of selected artwork for Artwork Review and Selection
by April 14, 2017	Notification of Artwork Review and Selection decisions

SELECTION PROCESS

Part I: Applications are due by 11:59 pm on February 13, 2017.

Part II: Image & Application Review

Applications will be reviewed by a panel that includes community stakeholders and representatives of the Tacoma Arts Commission and Metro Parks Tacoma’s Arts & Heritage Advisory Council. The panel will select a list of artworks to review in person for consideration of purchase.

Part III: Artwork Review & Selection

Artists whose work is being considered for purchase must deliver or ship the actual artwork to the Tacoma Arts Commission office on or by March 20 for final review and possible selection for purchase. Artists whose works are not recommended for purchase will be asked to pick up their artwork, at the cost to the artist.

Selected artwork should be mailed/delivered to:

Tacoma Arts Commission
Portable Works Purchase
747 Market Street, Room 900
Tacoma, WA 98402

Part IV: Purchase

Artists whose work is selected for purchase must complete a Purchase, Limited Copyright & Warranties Agreement and a Conservation Record.

TO APPLY

Eligible artists interested in this opportunity must submit the following three items via Submittable:

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

1. Digital Images with Descriptions

Up to 6 digital images of a maximum of 6 existing artworks available for purchase (1 image per artwork available). Submit only high quality JPEG files. In the Description field for each image submitted, include: title of artwork, medium, dimensions (H" x W" x D"), year work was completed, and purchase price unframed (without tax included).

2. Connection to Hilltop

Indicate your connection to Hilltop in 100 words or less.

3. Artist Bio

Provide an artist bio of 250 words or less that describes your work and artistic practice.

QUESTIONS

Contact Naomi Strom-Avila at 253-591-5191 or email nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org