

CALL FOR ARTISTS

WYLIE MUNICIPAL WALKING TRAILS



Description of Public Art Project

The Public Arts Advisory Board of the City of Wylie, Texas seeks to commission two original art works functionally, philosophically, and artistically integrated with the spaces provided for the Municipal Complex Walking Trails. The walking trails are located in a portion of the Texas Blackland Prairie region. The Blackland Prairie region extends from Sherman to New Braunfels, Texas.

The Municipal Walking Trails are expansive and currently encompass three miles. There are plans to extend the trails into additional areas and add a dog park and splash park for children. Placement of the proposed pieces will be along the walking area of the trails.

Works should include creativity, resilience, hope and remembrance through sculptures of the Native American Tribes (specifically the Caddo tribes) that hunted the area; This will be a multi-year project with sculptures scattered throughout the trails.

The two proposed pieces should specifically reflect the Caddo Native American Tribes and the items used by their people. An archeological dig was performed in 2009, prior to the city complex construction and reports from that research are available to assist artists.

Budget – The budget for each of the two projects is \$40,000. The fee includes: artist’s fee, travel during fabrication and installation, Texas Certified Engineering Plans, materials, base construction, fabrication, transportation, documentation, insurance, permit fees (waived), and lighting.

Selection Process – The Art Selection Panel will include 1-2 community members, 1-2 professional artists or experienced art coordinators, a representative from the Parks and Recreations Board and a representative from the Public Arts Advisory Board, and a representative of the Texas Native Health, formerly Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas. Submissions of qualifications will be reviewed by city staff. The Art Selection Panel will narrow the field to 2-3 finalists for the projects. The finalists will be invited for a site visit, dialogue with the community, and if they wish, a period of time spent with staff. They will then be asked to develop a conceptual approach (Maquette) for the artwork and make a presentation in person of their proposal, for which they will be given an honorarium of \$500.

The Art Selection Panel will rank the finalists for recommendation to the Public Art Advisory Board, Staff and to the Wylie City Council. Upon approval, the artist will be awarded a contract.

Artists must be able to work within the listed timeline for completion of the project

Timeline – These dates are subject to change

- April 24-May 15, 23** Call for Artists is posted on Café
- May 22-June 2, 2023** Jurors begin to review and rank artists
- June 18, 2023** Public Art Board selection panel narrows the submissions to 2-3 finalists
- June 19, 2023** Finalists are notified
- July 12, 2023** Artists are brought to the City for a tour
- July 13, 2023** Artist/Public Input Meeting
- September 21, 2023** Artists meet with panel and board to approve final artist design/PAAB meets to consider
- October 10, 2023 or** City Council approval of final Marquette and contract
- October 24, 2023** Artist begins fabrication of art
- August/September**
- 2024** Art is installed at site

Art Space

- Art should complement the existing art and conform to the open spaces of the area
- Artist responsibilities include fabrication of the art (labor and materials), base construction, lighting and oversight of installation
- **Art should be creative but conceptually accessible to the viewer**
- The theme for all projects along the trails is, ***“History of the Blackland Prairie”***
- Art should take into consideration children as well as adults frequenting the trails
- Lighting should be energy efficient and should be a **very significant** element of the art/spaces
- Art work must be durable and **require minimal maintenance**
- Electricity and water will be stubbed to both locations

- **ART PLACEMENT OVERVIEW**

Orange Area Art Site **Blue** Water connection **Red** Electrical

Trail Map





Entry Art Walking Trails



Submission Requirements

Remit all submissions to: <https://www.callforentry.org/festivals.php?apply=yes>

Letter of interest indicating interest in and potential approach to the project. The letter should provide a description of how your professional background relates to this art project and materials you usually utilize

- ✓ A current resume, not to exceed 3,000 characters that highlights professional accomplishments, particularly as relates to this art project. Applicants working as a team will also be limited to 4,000 characters total.
- ✓ Images of previous, **relevant** work within the **same budget** and final cost. Maximum of 15 images. Please send each image as a .jpg and label with artist's last name, image number and image title.
- ✓ Annotated Image list, Including: image number, title, medium, dimensions, date, budget, location, commissioning agency (if applicable) and brief description if necessary.
- ✓ Three professional references including phone number and e-mail contact information.

Please do not send specific proposals; the panel will not consider them. You may refer to completed artworks or projects submitted in your application that exemplify the aesthetic direction you might consider for the project if you are a finalist.

Eligibility – The project(s) are open to all professional artists located in the continental U.S.A., age 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability. Applications will be accepted only from artists whose work is being submitted in response to this RFQ. Applications submitted by third parties such as galleries, art consultants, family members, etc. will not be considered. City of Wylie employees, as well as selection panelists and their immediate family members are not eligible for participation.

Applications are accepted at the link below

https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=10046

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