

Call to Artist-- Klapprich Park Warming House Mural

Call Description

The City of Wayzata is seeking qualifications and concept proposals from artists for the design and installation of one permanent mural at the Klapprich Park Warming House, located at 340 Park Street East, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391. The mural will be installed directly on the interior wall of the facility. The total project budget for the mural is not to exceed \$10,000 and is intended to cover all costs associated with the project, including design, materials, fabrication, installation, and any other related expenses.

Submitted applications will be reviewed by the City of Wayzata and the Selection Committee. Following the review process, one artist or artist team will be selected to complete the mural. In addition to the commissioned work, the selected project will be promoted through the City of Wayzata's communication channels and public outreach efforts.

Artists interested in being considered should submit examples of previously completed work and a brief narrative describing their proposed mural concept and its connection to the project site. Work samples will serve as the primary basis for evaluating each artist's qualifications, artistic merit, and demonstrated experience with projects of a similar scale and scope.

Deadline to submit proposal: August 17, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Theme(s):

The general theme identified for the mural is intended to highlight youth, the community ice rink, and the history of Klapprich Park all in the context of Wayzata. A story regarding Klapprich Park can be found [here](#). Additional information on demographics or Wayzata in general can be found in the Comprehensive Plan.

Budget:

The project budget for the Warming House mural will not exceed \$10,000. The project budget to the selected artist(s) is to be used toward project costs, supplies, travel, and artistic fees as needed. See the Safety and Durability section for flexibility in the overall budget.

Safety and Durability

Artists should recognize that the mural will be located in a public facility and will be subject to daily public use, environmental conditions, and the potential for vandalism. The designated mural wall is located within the Klapprich Park Warming House, a high-traffic recreational facility that experiences significant wear from hockey skates, hockey equipment, and general public activity. Artists are encouraged to consider appropriate materials, coatings, and other protective measures to ensure the long-term durability and preservation of the artwork.

Additional funding and budget flexibility may be available to support measures that protect the mural from everyday use and wear. Artists are encouraged to propose creative and aesthetically integrated durability solutions that help preserve the artwork while complementing the overall mural concept.

The selected artist will be expected to work collaboratively with City of Wayzata staff throughout the design and installation process. All artwork must be completed in a timely manner and comply with City requirements to ensure that the final installation is safe, durable, and appropriate for public display.

Mural Location and Dimensions

The mural will be installed on an interior drywall wall within the Klapprich Park Warming House. The wall measures approximately 31 feet in length and 12 feet 10 inches in height. The mural will begin 4 feet above the floor and extend to a height of 8 feet 10 inches, resulting in a total mural area of approximately 398 square feet.

Site Existing Conditions

The mural surface consists of a blank, white-painted drywall wall. Artists should incorporate the following site conditions into their design and installation approach:

- The wall contains an inset/indentation located approximately 12 feet 8 inches from the south end of the wall.
- The mural will begin approximately 4 feet above the floor to minimize wear and tear resulting from regular use of the warming house.
- A mini split and other wall-mounted mechanical equipment are located at various points along the wall.
- The selected artist will be responsible for designing the mural to accommodate existing wall features and obstructions.

Artists are encouraged to visit the site prior to submitting a proposal to better understand the wall conditions, dimensions, and viewing experience. Photos of the existing site are also attached.

Selection Criteria

The goal of this mural is to foster a welcoming environment for park users and visitors using the warming house. Additionally, artists' submissions will be evaluated to the following criteria:

- Preference to local artist
- Clear past and present artistic talent
- Designs should reflect the park and skating rink's diverse user base, including varied genders, ages, and levels of activity – from competitive sports to casual recreation
- A clear and proven plan for ensuring the mural's long-term durability and maintenance.
- Meeting the theme
- Meeting the budget
- Proposed sketch or design (if needed by Selection Committee for finalists)

Proposed Timeline:

Call for Artists Release Date: July 22, 2026

Call for Artists Close: August 17, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Committee Review: Week of August 17

City Council Approval Date: September 1, 2026

Design Development and Installation: September - November 18th, 2026

Mural Completion Date: November 18th, 2026

Application Requirements

All applications must be submitted through www.callforentry.org (CAFE), a free website for artists to use. Artists must register and set up an account in CAFE, and upload images of their work to their CAFE account in order to submit to this call. If you have trouble with submission, please send questions to Nick Kieser, nkieser@wayzata.org.

Submission Elements

Artists need all the following items for a complete submission:

- Professional resume or CV
- Artist Bio (can be brief)
- Include up to five digital images of your previously completed work that indicates your experience with painted murals. A one-to-two-page narrative document that describes the proposed idea for the overall mural design(s). Note in this narrative how work samples provided pertain to the proposed mural(s) in terms of style, motifs, etc.
- Applicants under the age of 18 must include contact information for a parent/guardian including their name, address, email, and phone number

If deemed necessary, the Selection Committee may identify a shortlist of finalists for the mural project. Shortlisted finalists will be invited to submit a proposed sketch or design for the mural. These submissions, together with the previously submitted application materials, will be evaluated by the Selection Committee in making its final artist selection.

Eligibility Criteria

This project is open to artists who are at least 18 years of age, and legally able to compete with the City of Wayzata. For those under 18 years of age, additional contact information for a parent/guardian must be provided.

A meaningful or local connection to Wayzata will be considered as one eligibility factor. Artists must be able to work effectively and collaboratively with the City of Wayzata to further develop their initial proposal idea to a final approved design. Further, artists should consider the project timeline prior to submitting a proposal.

Contract:

Upon selection and final approval, the artist must complete a contract with the City of Wayzata and complete any necessary forms or registration.