



Call to Artists

Wellspring Apartments

Brief

Project Name

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Overview

Through Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs, Art in Public Places program, 1.5% of the cost of construction on public land is dedicated to the commissioning of public art. This request for qualifications is for professional artists to commission public art. The selected artist(s) will design unique artwork(s) that will contribute to the identity of this facility and engage employees, visitors and passers-by in unexpected and delightful ways.

Owner

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development Department, and Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department

Partners

Integral Florida
Modis Architects
EAC Consulting

Budget

\$210,000.00

Location

14703 NW 27th Avenue, Opa-locka, FL 33054

Eligibility

Open to professional visual artists or artist-led teams based in south Florida. Artist based in south Florida live and create works of art in the region for a sustained period of time on a regular basis.

How to Apply

Deadline: Monday, August 19, 2024, 11:59PM

- Up to 10 samples of completed work
- CV - Resume
- Artist Statement

Apply on Submittable:

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

Visit Art in Public Places at

www.miamidadepublicart.org

Detailed Description

Wellspring Apartments consists of a new 99 unit senior low income housing development in the City of Opa-locka at 14703 NW 27th Avenue, FL 33054. Wellspring is the redevelopment of an approximately 1.51-acre parcel at that location. The facility will consist of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom affordable senior housing units with surface parking. The exterior will be constructed of concrete block walls with painted stucco. The development will include a fitness room, community room, computer room, package room, access-controlled perimeter, landscaping, pest control and on-site leasing office.

The City of Opa-locka has one of the largest if not the largest collection of Moorish Revival architecture in America and includes 20 buildings that are listed on the National Register ([Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)). The façade of the Wellspring Apartments is intended to echo this distinct style connect to Opa-locks's rich history. It is envisioned that commissioned artworks will connect with the design and architectural history of the site and local community.

Opportunities for Public Art

Opportunities include but are not limited to:



Exterior

- Artist designed tile installation or durable stencil application for exterior focal areas of the facility, including those above the sidewalks and areas that will enhance the entrance experience
- Patio area, underside of covered terrace (concrete slab construction) with durable materials

Interior

- Large-scale mural / statement installation or two dimensional artwork for interior of ground floor lobby

Estimated Schedule

**This schedule is subject to change.*

July, 2024	Call to Artists released
Monday, August 19, 2024	Deadline to Submit Qualifications
August 22, 2024	Professional Advisory Committee meeting – shortlist
September, 2024	Artist notifications
September, 2024	Artist Orientation & honorarium documents upload suggested deadline
September, 2024	Proposal concept consultation
October, 2024	Proposal draft review + feedback session
October, 2024	Submission of semi-final or final proposal <i>*48-hours prior to presentation.</i> <i>*Adjustments may be made after this date.</i>
October, 2024	Proposal presentation – Online meeting <i>*A 30 minute presentation appointment time on a defined date will be provided for artist's confirmation.</i> <i>*Final version of the proposal as presented is requested to be uploaded prior to presentation</i>
November, 2024	Artist notifications <i>*Artworks are envisioned to be installed approximately one year after notification.</i>
May, 2025	Estimated Project Completion

Process

Pursuant to the processes of the Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places Program, a three-member group of art and architectural professionals drawn from the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) will recommend a shortlist of artists to create full proposals to the Art in Public Places Trust. The primary criteria for shortlist selection will be previous artistic accomplishment as demonstrated in images of completed artwork, public art experience, and/or initial design approach to the project as demonstrated in the artist's statement. Artists who have not created public art before are warmly invited to apply. If appropriate, the PAC reserves the right to recommend artists who may not have applied to this Call to Artists.

Upon being recommended to prepare full proposals, shortlisted artists will receive detailed information regarding the opportunities for public art. Artists will also be invited to attend a site visit and Artist Orientation meeting, and will have the opportunity to meet with the client, including the design & the construction teams, and Art in Public Places staff.

Shortlisted Artists will receive a proposal honorarium, as well as an allowance for travel-related expenses for personally attending the recommended meetings in Miami-Dade County including the Artist Orientation and final proposal presentation meeting. Artists may choose to present their final proposals via video conference. Art in Public Places staff will be available to support inquiries throughout the process. Upon the presentation of proposals, the PAC will make recommendations for final commissions to the Art in Public Places Trust for their consideration.

For more information about Art in Public Places: <http://www.miamidadepublicart.org/>

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Art in Public Places is a program of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs responsible for the commission and purchase of artworks by contemporary artists in all media. One of the first public art programs in the country, Miami-Dade Art in Public Places was established in 1973 with the passage of an ordinance allocating 1.5% of construction cost of new county buildings for the purchase or commission of artworks, educational programs and collection maintenance. The Art Trust Fund is administered by a County Commission-appointed citizens' board, the Art in Public Places Trust, in consultation with its Professional Advisory Committee. For more information about the Art in Public Places Program and the Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs, please visit www.miamidadepublicart.org and www.miamidadearts.org

To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any accommodation to participate in any County-sponsored program or meeting, please call Francine Andersen, 305-375-5024 or email, fran@miamidade.gov, five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).