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# Call to Artists

## Key Biscayne Branch Library

# Brief

## Project Name

Key Biscayne Branch Library

## Budget

\$100,000.00

## 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.

## Location

299 Crandon Blvd, Key Biscayne, FL 33149

## 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.

## Owner

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and Miami-Dade Public Library Systems

## How to Apply

Deadline: Monday, April 29, 2024

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

Apply on Submittable:

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

## Partners

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Visit Art in Public Places at

[www.miamidadepublicart.org](http://www.miamidadepublicart.org)

## Detailed Description

The Miami-Dade Public Library System will be building a new Key Biscayne Branch Library at the site of the existing location. It will be an approximately 19,000-square-foot LEED-certified building. The project has a feature wall located behind the customer service desk on the 1st floor that extends up through the 2nd floor to a rooftop clerestory, which MDPLS would like to see highlighted as a main focal point within the building and the desired location of the APP component in the building.

It is envisioned that the selected artist will have an affinity for Biscayne Bay, nature, and the beauty and history of Key Biscayne.





## Opportunities for Public Art

*Opportunities include but are not limited to:*



### Feature Wall

- Application or integrated artwork for double height CMU feature walls, including but not limited to durable materials such as tile, paint, wood, ceramic, glass, or mixed media.
- Visible from both main floors of library and wrapping around elevator wall.
- North (main) wall, 931 square feet, approximately 34 high x 33 feet wide.
- West (elevator) wall, 580 square feet.

## Estimated Schedule

*\*This schedule is subject to change.*

March 2024	<b>Call to Artists released</b>
Monday, April 29, 2024	<b>Deadline to Submit Qualifications</b>
May 2024	<b>Professional Advisory Committee meeting – shortlist</b>
May 2024	<b>Artist notifications</b>
June 2024	<b>Artist Orientation &amp; honorarium documents upload suggested deadline</b>
June 2024	<b>Proposal concept consultation</b>
July 2024	<b>Proposal draft review + feedback session</b>
July 2024	<b>Submission of semi-final or final proposal</b> <i>*48-hours prior to presentation.</i> <i>*Adjustments may be made after this date.</i>
July 2024	<b>Proposal presentation – Online meeting</b> <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>
August, 2024	<b>Artist notifications</b> <i>*Artworks are envisioned to be installed approximately one year after notification.</i>
Summer 2026	<b>Estimated Project Completion</b>

## 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/>

## Point of Contact

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## About the Partners

### **ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

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](http://www.miamidadepublicart.org) and [www.miamidadearts.org](http://www.miamidadearts.org)

### **About the Miami-Dade Public Library System**

The mission of the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) is to provide extraordinary services, spaces and experiences that promote literacy and learning, personal growth, and limitless opportunities. MDPLS is recognized as an Autism Friendly Partner by the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. MDPLS was named a finalist for the prestigious IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service in 2022 and 2023 and has been honored with several awards, including 102 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards over the past seven years, an Urban Libraries Council 2020 Innovation Award, and four Florida Library Association (FLA) Awards for Excellence and Innovation from 2018 – 2020. Learn more at [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org).

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