



**CALL FOR ARTISTS/RFQ: RECREATION CENTER
PUBLIC ARTWORK (TWO OPPORTUNITIES!)**

City of Cleveland

Department of Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

601 Lakeside Ave

Cleveland, OH 44114

RELEASE DATE: April 26, 2024

RESPONSE DEADLINE: May 24, 2024, 5:00 pm

RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO:

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1. Overview

1.1. [Summary](#)

The City of Cleveland, Ohio, through its Public Art Program, is requesting qualifications from artists, designers, or teams thereof who may be interested in producing a public artwork to accompany the renovation of the Clark Recreation Center (5706 Clark Avenue) or the renovation of the Sterling Recreation Center (1380 East 32nd Street).

Rather than submit pre-conceived proposals, respondents will be chosen for further consideration based on their qualifications. The selected artists, designers, or teams thereof will work with city staff, neighborhood residents, and other stakeholders to develop innovative, original art that will be relevant to the neighborhood. Respondents may elect to be considered for one or both Recreation Center projects, though can only be selected for one.

1.2. [Background](#)

The Public Art Program requires that certain major capital projects undertaken by the City of Cleveland set aside 1.5% of their budgets for use toward a public artwork component. The program requires the artwork to be in proximity to the improvements that generated the funding for the artwork. The program is administered by the City of Cleveland in tandem with an advisory committee known as the Public Art Committee comprised of a (1) visual artist, (2) administrator of an arts organization, (3) recognized expert in the field of public art, (4) City of Cleveland resident active in community affairs, (5) professional architect or landscape architect, (6) member of Cleveland City Council or its staff, (7) two community representatives in the respective ward of the proposed public art, and (8) staff member of a City of Cleveland department that engages in projects subject to the Public Art Program, who also serves as the Public Art Committee Chair.

1.3. [Contact Information](#)

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1.4. [Timeline](#)

Release Project Date	April 26, 2024
Proposal Submission Deadline	May 24, 2024, 5:00pm

2. Guidelines

2.1. [Eligibility](#)

This Call for Artists/RFQ is open to any artists, designers, or teams thereof that is aged 18 or older and able to execute a contract with the City of Cleveland, including, but not limited to, providing the required information to become a vendor with the City of Cleveland and completing a non-competitive statement.

Respondents may elect to be considered for one or both Recreation Center projects, though can only be selected for one.

2.2. [Timeline](#)

Friday, April 26, 2024

- This RFQ is released.

Friday, May 24, 2024 by 5:00PM EST

- Deadline to respond to this RFQ.

June 2024

- Applications reviewed by the City of Cleveland Public Art Committee.
- Artists, designers, or teams thereof invited to interview with the Public Art Committee.

June/July 2024

- The Public Art Committee selects one artist, designer, or teams thereof.
- Contract execution begins.

*This timeline is subject to change.

2.3. [How to Respond to this RFQ](#)

Respondents to this RFQ must create a FREE account with OpenGov Procurement by signing up at <https://procurement.opengov.com/signup>. Once you have completed account registration, browse back to this page, click on "Submit Response", and follow the instructions.

2.4. [Questions about this RFQ and/or Project\(s\)](#)

For procedural questions, please email Jay Rauschenbach at jrauschenbach@clevelandohio.gov and Tarra Petras at tpetras@clevelandohio.gov.

For substantive questions about the project, please use the Question & Answer function in this RFQ for the awareness of others.

3. RFQ Submission Requirements (Questionnaire)

3.1. [Letter of Qualifications and Interest*](#)

Please submit a letter that details:

- (1) your qualifications to complete the project,
- (2) the Recreation Center project that you'd like to be considered for and your interest in it,
- (3) any vision or anticipated approach you may have for the project,
- (4) your typical or envisioned public involvement process for the project*,
- (5) and any ties you may have to the Recreation Center, its local community, or the Greater Cleveland area.

* If being considered for the Sterling Recreation Center project, please include how you will specifically engage the diversity of the community and visual impaired users of the recreation center.

You can only be selected for one of the two projects, so please indicate which project has a higher priority for you if you want to be considered for both projects.

*Response required

3.2. [CV or Résumé*](#)

Please submit your current CV or résumé.

*Response required

3.3. [Samples of Work*](#)

Please submit up to 10 images depicting completed work.

Include the following information any each work: location, commissioning agency, materials, role in producing the work, and budget.

*Response required

4. Scope of Work - Clark Recreation Center

4.1. [Project Information](#)

Location and Context

The Clark Recreation Center is located at 5706 Clark Avenue, which is within Ward 15 represented by City Council Member Jenny Spencer. The recreation center is also within the Stockyards neighborhood of Cleveland, which was named after the Cleveland Union Stockyards Company that operated in the area from 1893 to 1968 (Case Western Reserve University Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, 2019). According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, the Stockyards neighborhood had a population around 10,500 in 2019, of which, approximately 41% identified as Hispanic/Latino (of any race).

A complete renovation of the Clark Recreation Center began in Summer 2022 and will be completed, and re-opened to the public, by Summer 2024. Like some of the city's other recreation centers, Clark was originally a public bathhouse. For the past several decades, it has been adaptively reused as a recreation center.

Public Artwork Focus Area

The City of Cleveland Public Art Committee, in authorizing the release of this RFQ, identified the outdoor courtyard as the focus area for any public artwork. The outdoor courtyard is shown on Rendering 3 to the west of the indoor pool, and on Rendering 4. An important note is that the parking lot shown on the renderings will be converted to a public park in the future. The design of this future public park is still being developed, but it is anticipated to include a playground, plaza with seating, splash pad, and landscaping; a preliminary conceptual design is provided below.

The outdoor courtyard will only be open to the public during regular operating hours of the recreation center, though it will be visible from the future public park at all times. Access will be provided from the indoor pool and an exterior gate connecting to the future public park.

Budget

The all-inclusive budget to complete the Clark Recreation Center project is \$80,000. Additionally, the City of Cleveland will cover up to \$10,000 in infrastructure-related costs to support the public artwork, such as, but not limited to, installing a foundation.

4.2. [Photographs of the Clark Recreation Center Before Renovation](#)

Photograph 1 - Front View from Southeast



Photograph 2 - Front View from West



Photograph 3 - Parking Lot View from South



* Please note the parking lot will be converted to a public park in the future.

4.3. [Renderings of the Clark Recreation Center Renovation](#)

Rendering 1 - Front View



Rendering 2 - Another Front View



Rendering 3 - Interior View



* Please note the parking lot shown to the west of the Recreation Center will be converted to a public park in the future.

Rendering 4 - Overall View of the Renovated Clark Recreation Center



* Please note the parking lot shown to the west of the Recreation Center will be converted to a public park in the future.

4.4. [Future Public Park Preliminary Conceptual Design](#)

Future Public Park Preliminary Conceptual Design



5. Scope of Work - Sterling Recreation Center

5.1. [Project Information](#)

Location and Context

The Sterling Recreation Center is located at 1380 E. 32nd Street, which is within Ward 7 represented by City Council Member Stephanie Howse-Jones. The recreation center is within the Goodrich-Kirtland Park neighborhood of Cleveland, but only a few blocks north of the Midtown neighborhood. The northern part of Midtown contains Cleveland's AsiaTown, which is home to a diverse population of over 2,000 residents and dozens of Asian restaurants and retailers.

The Sterling Recreation Center will receive a minor addition and complete renovation, which began in February 2024 and will be completed, and re-opened to the public, in approximately 2 years. The recreation center also has an onsite playground and diamond field, which are excluded from the renovation project. The diamond field is home to the Cleveland Scrappers, which is a baseball team in the Greater Cleveland Beep Baseball League that has served the blind and visually impaired for 40 years. The minor addition to the recreation center will include an outdoor accessible storage area for the Cleveland Scrappers. For more information about Beep Baseball, please visit the National Beep Baseball Association website at <https://www.nbba.org/>.

Public Artwork Focus Area

The City of Cleveland Public Art Committee, in authorizing the release of this RFQ, did not identify a specific focus area for any public artwork. Moreover, public artwork is permissible in any location inside or outside of the Sterling Recreation Center. The Public Art Committee, however, did identify that the diversity of the community and visual impaired users of the recreation center should be engaged in the creative process for any public artwork.

Budget

The all-inclusive budget to complete the Sterling Recreation Center project is \$87,813. Additionally, the City of Cleveland will cover up to \$15,000 in infrastructure-related costs to support the public artwork, such as, but not limited to, installing a foundation.

5.2. [Photographs of the Sterling Recreation Center Before Renovation](#)

Photograph 1 - Front View from East



Photograph 2 - Side View from South (Parking Lot)



Photograph 3 - Diamond Field View from North



Photograph 4 - Playground View from South



5.3. [Renderings of the Sterling Recreation Center Renovation](#)

Exterior Rendering 1 - Front View from East



Exterior Rendering 2 - Front and Side View from Southeast



Exterior Rendering 3 - Side View from South



Interior Rendering 1 - View from Front Door to Reception Area



Interior Rendering 2 - View from Reception Area to Front Door



Interior Rendering 3 - View from Hallway to Recreation Area



5.4. [Conceptual Site Plan](#)

Conceptual Site Plan 1 - Overall Site Plan of the Sterling Recreation Center Renovation

