Community-initiated public art funding application

This funding program recognizes that public art opportunities can come from grassroots ideas that are initiated and led by communities.

The program is intended to promote economic revitalization – providing a total of $75,000 for all projects combined for funding to citizens, communities and artists at any level.

Do you have a great idea for an art project in your neighbourhood?

We are inviting Calgarians to develop ideas for community-run public art projects that will support the local economy and strengthen our community through artistic exploration. Calgarians and community groups are encouraged to team up with artists at any level to explore any form of public art in any part of the city.

Funding from $500 to $4500 is available to support your ideas.

How is funding awarded to projects?

Projects will be rated out of a score of 10 based on how well they achieve one of the themes below (3 points); community participation - How will you include community members, residents, etc. in this project? (4 points); and how the project will benefit the community (3 points).

Uncover little-known stories about the city or overlooked histories
Team up with artists, elders or historians to create a project that connects people to places and spaces in different ways. Celebrate overlooked people and events. Restore or uncover names of places.

Focus on justice, inclusion, and human dignity
Focus on ways to build connections around local and global concerns. Introduce art that reflects the diversity of the cultures, languages and people in our communities. Do you have an idea that addresses a community need?

Foster truth & reconciliation
Explore ways you can help your community learn about Indigenous history and the impact of colonialism, and create a path towards reconciliation.

Questions? Please email publicart@calgary.ca
Explore stories of your community
Create and share stories of the people in your community today - local business owners, people in your community organizations, long-time residents, new residents, etc. Celebrate the current diversity of your community. Tell the story of where you live and what makes it unique.

Bring beauty, joy, whimsy and hope
Art doesn’t have to be political or serious. Introduce whimsy, surprise and joy to your community.

How to apply:
1. Download and complete the application form.
2. Submit your completed application to publicart@calgary.ca prior to September 30, 2020. Be sure to apply early, as funding is limited and evaluations take place every two weeks until all funding is allocated.

Who is eligible?

- Individuals must be 18 years of age or older (younger applicants must have a parent or guardian complete the application on their behalf).
- Residents of Calgary and area, including informal groups that define themselves in terms of a distinct community.
- Non-profit organizations or charitable organizations.

Requirements

- Art that is publicly accessible
- Projects must benefit your community.
- The location (if applicable) will be approved by the site owner.
- The artwork must be safe for public interaction.
- Your project must be completed between August and December 2020.
- The artwork must be owned and maintained by the community for the duration of its lifespan (and it is recommended the artwork is designed require little to no maintenance).
- Projects must provide images about their project to The City of Calgary.

Timeline

- June 18, 2020: application process is open.
- July 19 - September 30, 2020: applications are reviewed every two weeks by an advisory committee, applicants are notified and successful applications processed.
- September 30, 2020: deadline to submit an application form to publicart@calgary.ca. Communities should apply early as funding is limited and evaluations take place every two weeks until all funding is allocated.
- August - December 2020: Funding recipients carry out their community project.

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• **Within 60 days of your project’s completion**: Funding recipients are required to complete a survey about your experiences, including images and how the funds were spent.

The City of Calgary can provide guidance as needed.