



**CALL FOR ARTISTS/RFQ: NEW FIRE STATION #26
PUBLIC ARTWORK**

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 New Fire Station #26 that is currently under construction at the southeastern corner of Kinsman Road (U.S. Route 422) and E. 90th 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.

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
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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.

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) your interest in working on the project,
- (3) any vision or anticipated approach you may have,
- (4) your typical or envisioned public involvement process,
- (5) and any ties you may have to Fire Station #26, its local community, or the Greater Cleveland area.

*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

4.1. [Project Information](#)

Location and Context

The existing Fire Station #26 is located at 7818 Kinsman Road in the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood of Cleveland. Built in 1898, the existing station is the oldest operating fire station in the city. However, many of the modern apparatuses cannot fit into the historic building and upkeep is no longer cost-effective.

The New Fire Station #26 will be a 16,500 square foot facility to accommodate both fire fighting operations and emergency medical services. The facility will include a 3-bay garage, fitness center and sleeping quarters for staff, and a community meeting room. Construction of the New Fire Station #26 began in the summer of 2023 and is scheduled to be completed by late 2024/early 2025.

According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood had a population around 6,000 in 2019, of which, approximately 92% identified as African-American.

Public Artwork Focus Areas

The City of Cleveland Public Art Committee, in authorizing the release of this RFQ, identified the corner of Kinsman Road and E. 90th Street as the primary focus area for any public artwork (Renderings 2 and 3), and the eastern lawn area as the secondary focus area for any public artwork (Rendering 4). Both focus areas are indicated on Site Plan 1 below.

Budget

The all-inclusive budget to complete the New Fire Station #26 project is \$148,000. 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.

4.2. [Renderings of the New Fire Station #26](#)

Rendering 1 - Front View of the New Fire Station #26 from Kinsman Road



Rendering 2 - Another Front View (right lawn area is primary focus area for public artwork)



Rendering 3 - Side View from E. 90th Street (left lawn area is primary focus area for public artwork)



Rendering 4 - Another Front View from Kinsman Road (lawn areas is secondary focus area for public artwork)



4.3. [Site Plans for the New Fire Station #26](#)

Site Plan 1 - Public Artwork Focus Areas

