



Lackawanna County

Commissioners

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS BIDEN EXPRESSWAY MURAL

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Lackawanna Board of Commissioners and the Arts and Culture Department invite artists to apply to be considered for commission of a large-scale mural, with art on both sides of a concrete retaining wall, along the Biden Expressway in Scranton in front of the Radisson Hotel at 700 Lackawanna Ave. The mural marks the entryway into downtown Scranton and is the gateway into Lackawanna County.

The new mural will replace an existing mural that is almost 20 years old. The wall is owned by PennDOT and the County maintains the mural. The final design of the mural is subject to approval by Lackawanna County and PennDOT.

The County will prepare and prime surfaces for the artist and assist with traffic control as mandated by PennDOT. The selected artist should be aware the mural will predominantly be seen as you are driving and take that into consideration when designing.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants may apply as individuals or as a team of artists.
- Artists must have previous experience working on large scale outdoor murals.
- Artists must work with spray/aerosol paints in order to complete the project by the end of the year.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will consist of phases:

- Artists will submit applications. Finalists will be selected based on previous work and experience. Artists must have successfully completed a work of public art in comparable scale or budget to be considered for the project.
- Selected finalists will be contacted and asked to submit a sample design. An interview will be conducted once received; at that time a proposal would be produced by the artist to include supplies and budget. A design fee will be awarded to each finalist.
- Finalist submissions will be reviewed by a committee. The committee reserves the right to decide that no submission is appropriate or feasible.

Finalists will be selected based on artistic merit and evidence of ability to execute mural and will be asked to submit a budget including costs for supplies and equipment which are subject to

industry standards set by the County. The budget for the project is approximately \$75,000-\$100,000. If an artist outside Lackawanna County is selected, they are strongly encouraged, if assistants are needed, to include experienced mural artists residing in Lackawanna County. Final designs are subject to approval by Lackawanna County and PennDOT.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, applicants should submit:

- Cover sheet with name, address, email, phone number, and brief statement of interest
- Up to 10 images of previous outdoor mural work in jpeg or PDF format
- Bio or resume, no more than two pages
- Two references
- Links to website/social media

Deadline: Friday June 16, 2023 by 4pm

Email RFQ Submissions to arts-culture@lackawannacounty.org with ‘Mural RFQ’ in the subject field.

If you do not receive a confirmation email within three days, contact the Arts and Culture Department. ***Late submissions will not be accepted.*** The County assumes no responsibility for delays in any form of delivery service causing the submission to be received after the above-referenced due date and time. Submission by fax or telephone is not permitted. The final selection shall be made at the sole discretion of Lackawanna County. Lackawanna County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Respondents are required to monitor the Lackawanna County Website for RFQ Amendments.

TIMETABLE

The dates below are tentative and subject to change:

June 16	Applications Due	July 19	Artist Awarded
June 21	Finalists Selected	November 30	Mural completed
July 7	Finalists Designs Due		

QUESTIONS

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SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Appendix A-Dimensions
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