



Community Mini-Mural Project Guidelines

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The Mission: To create a living community mural which will promote the creative expression of local artists and provide an enriching visual experience to residents and visitors of Oak Park.

Site: The murals will be placed on the inset portions of the southern and northern retaining walls of the Union Pacific Rail line, located throughout Oak Park along the CTA Green Line/Metra elevated train route. The mural areas vary at 6' x 8' and 6' x 11'.

Application: Please complete the application and return it by the March 8, 2011 deadline to the address indicated. A rendering of the proposed mural to be completed through this program must be submitted along with the completed application.

Materials: Each applicant will be required to submit with their application the materials they intend to utilize in the execution of the mural. Paint is the only medium accepted for the mural, and should be of a quality to withstand weather conditions for a reasonable amount of time. Murals will be applied directly to the train embankment, on a pre-primed surface provided for the artist.

Obtaining all materials and supplies necessary for the design and execution of the mural shall be the responsibility of the selected artist. It will be necessary for the artist to apply protective sealant to their art work when the piece is completed.

Artistic Theme: The theme is deliberately open ended to encourage artistic interpretation, and produce the widest diversity of ideas and visual impact possible.

Criteria for Artist Selection: The selection panel will review all applications and renderings to determine up to four finalists who will be awarded the opportunity to display their concepts.

Art will be reviewed for Artistic Merit, Appropriateness to Public Presentation and Originality.

Panel Meeting and Notification: The selected artists will make themselves available to discuss the project scope and their concept prior to award notification as needed by the selection panel.

Artists will be notified of their award and site location by e-mail and US mail.

Stipend: The four (4) artists selected will each receive a stipend of \$500 for materials prior to the execution of the mural, and a final award of \$500 each upon the full completion of the artist's project, totaling \$1,000 award per artist.

Program Schedule: (Round 1) Fri., Jan. 28 – Call for artists begins; Tues., March 8 – Deadline for artists' submittals; Wed., March 23 – Selection/artist notification; Fri., April 22 – complete installation. The Round 2 schedule will be released at a later date.



For questions or more information call 708.358.5690 or e-mail info@oakparkareaartscouncil.com.

