



Community Mini-Mural Project Guidelines

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The Mission: To create a living community mural that 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 deadlines listed below to the address indicated. A rendering of the proposed mural to be completed through this program must be submitted along with the completed application. Proposals for up to three (3) original designs may be submitted.

Materials: Each applicant will be required to submit with the application the materials they intend to use to execute the mural. Paint is the only acceptable medium, 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 is the responsibility of the selected artist. **Artist will be required to apply a UV protective sealant to the 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. **All artwork should be designed to run vertically.**

Criteria for Artist Selection: All work must be original. Templates may be used only if they were created by the artist. Murals may not incorporate logos, advertisements or any kind of commercial signage. The selection panel will review all applications and renderings to determine finalists who will be awarded the opportunity to display their concepts. Artists applying for the project must be 18 years of age or older. A total of 12 artists will be selected.

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 U.S. mail.

Stipend: Each selected artists will receive a stipend of \$500 for materials after the contract has been signed and prior to the execution of the mural, as well as a final award of \$500 upon the full completion of the project, totaling \$1,000 award per artist.

Program Schedule:

Round 1: March 6 – Call for artists begins; April 21 – Deadline for artists' submittals; May 1 – Selection/notification.
Round 2: June 19 – Deadline for artists' submittals; July 6 – Selection/notification.

All murals must be installed by Aug. 31, 2017.



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