

Mural Grant Guidance

Applicants

- Artists and communities are encouraged to submit exciting art design concepts that represent the distinct character and quality of a local community, with consideration to local cultural heritage and diversity.
- Projects must employ community engagement in the creative process (include input from residents and stakeholders in the mural design process)
- Projects must be sited in Baltimore City
- Working together, artists and community groups design and propose a new mural art concept for their community. Communities should carefully review design concepts to address questionable or offensive mural artwork designs.
- Submissions must include a rendering or sketch of the proposed art design.
- An independent panel of community stakeholders and artists review and score submissions for the award.
- Grant awards may not cover all project costs, additional funding sources may be needed to complete artworks.
- Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts works to assist communities to realize their mural project concept.

Funding

- The temporary public art projects funded by this grant supports the creation of new, exterior wall mural artworks sited in Baltimore City (mural restorations do not qualify)

Insurance Provisions

- General Liability insurance coverage for bodily injury and property damage
- Workers compensation insurance coverage for the contractors' employees
- For privately-funded murals, contact your insurance company to ensure the mural project

Maintenance and Restoration

- The Community Art Grant does not provide for mural maintenance or restorations.

Permits

- Permit to paint on residential structure exterior wall
<https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/pi/permits>
- DHCD enforces the Baltimore City Building Code, as well as state laws pertaining to construction and occupancy.
- To change the [use](#) of any structure (ex: painting an exterior wall), DHCD requires a permit.
- Permit fees vary by project type and scope and are outlined in the [Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City](#).
- https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/permits_notrequired.pdf

Protections for Historic Districts and Landmarks

- Authorization to Proceed: Exterior changes to all properties within Baltimore City's historic districts and local Landmarks must be presented to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Review (CHAP) for review and approval.

[Authorization to Proceed Application](#)