

Request For Qualifications: Public Art for Community Health and Wellness Center at 1200 E. Fayette

The [Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts](#) (BOPA) in collaboration with the [Baltimore City Health Department](#) (BCHD) and the **Baltimore City Department of General Services** seeks a professional artist or artist team to design and produce unique public artwork for the interior of the new Community Health & Wellness Center to be located at 1200 E. Fayette St. The vision for the new clinic is to create a dignified and welcoming space for client, that builds a healthy community rooted in trust and wellbeing. This call is open to professional visual artists residing anywhere in the United States. Artists with experience working in public health or public service settings, and/or arts based community or social engagement projects within their portfolio are encouraged to apply.

Budget:

\$130,000 Total

\$26,000 Design Development

\$104,000 Fabrication &
Installation

Schedule:

RFQ Issued: 12/12/17

Applications Due: 2/28/18

Artist Notification: by
4/02/18

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Overview:

BCHD operates two clinics that provide essential health services to underinsured and uninsured individuals. Services provided by the clinic include: immunizations for children, reproductive planning services, , STD and HIV prevention and testing, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C care, dental services, and tuberculosis screening and treatment.

A Modern Community Health & Wellness Center:

This clinic is designed to replace BCHD'S Eastern Clinic, a building built in the 1950's. The Eastern Clinic building does not reflect the quality of care that patients receive or respect that they deserve. Purchasing the new building at 1200 E. Fayette provides the Health Department the opportunity to modernize technology, expand services, and create a welcoming environment for all of its patients in order to reduce the potential stress of receiving health services. In addition to the clinical services listed above, the new center will have a wellness center where

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activities such as cooking demonstrations, yoga, and support group meetings will be held. The second floor of the building has office space for various Health Department programs and a conference room that will be used for staff meetings and community trainings. The clinic serves a multicultural, multilingual, and multigenerational patient population.

Renovations and Opportunities for Public Art:

Getting HIV/STD testing or receiving immunizations can be stressful. The Community Health and Wellness Center should be a welcoming environment for staff and patients and should instill a sense of calm as patients enter and wait for their appointment. This call seeks to commission an artist or team to develop new and unique public artwork for the interior of the Community Health and Wellness Center to assist in developing this atmosphere.

Multiple areas have been identified to integrate artwork throughout the interior public spaces of the Center:

1. The **main entrance and waiting area** will host many patients as they enter the clinic and wait to be seen.
2. The **hallway/stairwell atrium** is a large high ceiling space with natural light, and a main thoroughfare for both patients and staff.
3. The **secondary waiting area** will host patients and include a children's corner
4. The **wellness center and training kitchen** will host fitness classes, support group meetings, and healthy cooking lessons.
5. The **courtyard** adjacent to the communal space/kitchen is planned to be a "sanctuary garden" where patients or staff may find a moment of peace.
6. The **communal conference center** will be a space featuring modern technology to support community education and staff professional development

BCHD hopes to feature artwork that can add to the overall quality of life throughout the Community Wellness Center as well as engage the patients using the clinic. The opportunity is open for any artist(s) with community arts or teaching experience to work directly with patients, community members or staff in developing or creating elements of a project that would be visible throughout the interior of the center.

Once an artist is selected they will be invited to tour the 1200 E. Fayette facility and meet with BCHD Staff as well as the team designing the

renovations to further explore these options and begin developing their concept.

Application Requirements

All applications are required to provide:

- **Artist Name/Team Name**
- **Contact information (address, telephone, email, website)**
- **Brief personal, or team biography (300 words max)**
- **C.V. or Resume (2 pages max)**
- **Statement of Interest (500 words max)** In 500 words or less, please describe why you or your team are well suited to create art for the Community Health and Wellness Center at 1200 E. Fayette St.
- **Work Samples & description sheet (1 page):** Please submit 6 photos, video or audio samples documenting previous work. Work samples should illustrate your artistic practice, qualifications for this project, and any relevant public art experience. Applicants may provide concept drawings and renderings for in-progress commissions. Applicants should not submit proposals or renderings for the project associated with this application. Single Page “description sheet” should provide the title, project title, size, material, and budget/cost for the work samples

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA [LINK](#).

Selection Criteria

Artistic Quality and strong design skills: Applicants should be able to produce a creative and functional plan that meets the goals and the specifications set forward for this project.

Strong verbal, written and graphic communication skills: Applicants should exhibit good people and communication skills and be able to effectively collaborate with multiple project stakeholders and agencies as they develop, present, and receive feedback on their designs.

Previous experience: Applicants should have professional experience working on public art or design projects that include project development, planning, fabrication. Artists with experience working in public health or public service settings, and/or arts based community or social engagement projects within their portfolio, are encouraged to apply.

Accessibility and Availability: This project requires the selected artist to be able to meet and collaborate in person with a variety of stakeholders and clients. Availability, proximity and

familiarity with Baltimore City are an advantage. Applicants should maintain reasonable availability to perform this work and complete the project within the estimated project timeline.

Public Art Program Goals

- To enrich and enliven the experience of Baltimore City for its citizens and visitors
- To establish a significant public art collection for the City.
- To create an engaging space, artwork, and environment that accentuates construction efforts, and is sensitive to the community where the artwork is located
- To commission public artwork that is durable and able to withstand high-traffic, unmonitored outdoor environments that include extreme adverse weather conditions, with very little maintenance

Eligibility:

Any artist or artist team, over the age of 18, legally living or working within the United States, is eligible to apply. Current Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts employees and Public Art Commission members may not apply. Artists who are currently under contract for another commission funded via Baltimore's Percent for Public Art Program may not apply.

Contact

RFQ- Health Department Community Wellness Center (1200 E. Fayette) is a project of the Percent-for-Art program of the City of Baltimore, managed by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts. For questions or more information on this document please contact:

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