

City of Moorhead 2024 CALL FOR PUBLIC ART INDIGENOUS SCULPTURE



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Moorhead is seeking proposals for an inspirational sculpture that embodies and celebrates the rich heritage of Indigenous People and their cultures in our region as part of Moorhead's 150th anniversary celebration. We invite artists, particularly those with a deep connection to and understanding of indigenous traditions, to envision a piece that will enhance our community's urban landscape and enrich Moorhead's cultural legacy. This **Call for Public Art** entails creation, construction and installation of a new permanent sculpture with an indigenous connection.

Approximately 200-300 square feet of the following location may be utilized for a permanent sculpture installation, which is **City Right-of-Way area to the west of 403 Center Avenue**:





The artist may choose an alternative location if it meets the following criteria:

- Installation location is approved by the property owner
- The space remains open to the public
- The location fits within the area of the future Moorhead Sculpture Walk

This effort will enhance and expand the Moorhead Sculpture Walk, which is being created to identify and connect sculpture art within downtown Moorhead. See the attached map for the existing Moorhead Sculpture Walk.

A strong proposal would envision a sculpture that:

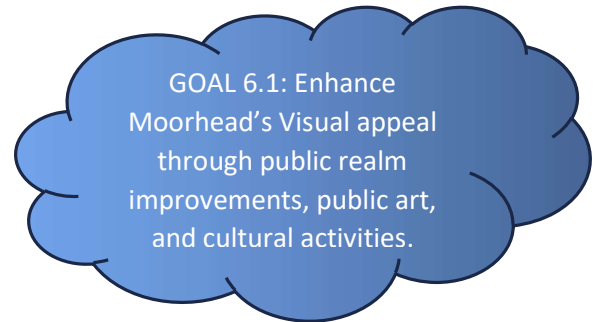
- Has a connection to the Indigenous People of our region
- Enhances a downtown space
- Creates a connection to the Red River of the North
- Entices people to gather and promote an inclusive community

Artists who belong to historically underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply!

Land Acknowledgement: We, the Moorhead City Council, collectively and with gratitude, acknowledge the sacred land the city of Moorhead is built upon. We acknowledge the people who have resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Dakota, Ojibwe, Metis and all Indigenous Communities permeates this land. The contribution of the Indigenous People shall not be forgotten nor will the success that is achieved by the People of the land. We will continue to educate, advocate, honor and unite for Indigenous People of this land.

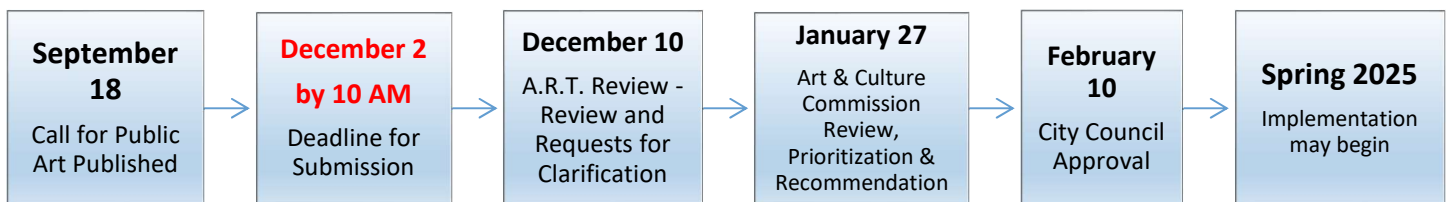
SCOPE

The Art and Culture Commission, on behalf of the Moorhead City Council, is issuing a Call for Art to consider a sculpture with a connection to Indigenous People. This project will be funded through the City Public Art fund with an anticipated budget of \$20,000. Projects will be scored on their connection to the indigenous roots in the area and their alignment with goals and criteria outlined in this Call, the [2018 Arts and Culture Framework Plan](#), [2020 Downtown Master Plan](#) and [2022 Onward! Moorhead Comprehensive Plan](#).



PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Project submissions will be reviewed and ranked by the Artist Review Team (A.R.T.). Their recommendation will then be forwarded to the Art and Culture Commission where they will provide a recommendation to City Council who will make the final determination. The Moorhead City Council reserves the right to reject all project proposals.



Anticipated timeline – subject to change

PROPOSAL

Your proposal should include the following items:

1. Name of individual, organization or group and contact information (email, phone and address)
2. Related experiences and expertise of the individual, organization or group, including connection to Moorhead (max 400 words)
3. Project description, including how the proposal makes a connection to the indigenous roots in the local area/region (max 700 words)
4. Project outline, including materials, size, techniques, process, community engagement concept, fabrication, and installation (Please include a brief description of anticipated maintenance requirements of the sculpture).
5. Location and site control (Identify your selected location for the permanent installation of the sculpture. If an alternative location was selected, please provide written approval of the property owner(s) for the use of this land and confirmation that it will remain open to the public.)
6. Sketch of the sculpture, including anticipated size
7. Additional information (max 200 words)
8. Estimated budget, including the following:

Material Fees:	\$
Administrative Fees:	\$
Other Revenues/Funding Sources:	\$
Total Sculpture Cost:	\$

DEADLINE & SUBMITTAL

Deadline to submit your proposals is by 10:00 AM CST on Monday, December 2 2024. ***Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.***

Proposals may be submitted by email, mail, or in person:

- Email: art@moorheadmn.gov
 - Proposals should be submitted in PDF format.
- Deliver to: Temporary Moorhead City Hall location - 403 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN (Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM)

Upon submission of the public art proposal, Applicant agrees that the proposed public art may receive editing suggestions. Implementation and additional information from artist/creative may be requested as outlined in the Moorhead Public Art Policy to ensure proper credentials and implementation standards. By submitting a proposal and signing/typing this form, Applicant agrees:

- Applicant is the sole author/designer of the art proposal that is submitted for consideration and that the contents of the proposed public art are original and do not infringe upon any copyright or any intellectual rights of others, and that Applicant has the unencumbered right to make this submission.
- Applicant/artist/creative team has the expertise to fully execute the proposed proposal within one year of notice to proceed, or as negotiated.
- If approved for accession, Applicant grants the City of Moorhead the right to perpetually use the public art, including, but not limited to: reproduction, posting, displaying, creation of derivative art, and documenting the public art in any media or in any form, now known or later invented, without limitation for promotional, documentary, celebratory or any other commercial or noncommercial purposes. Applicant hereby waives any and all rights to royalty, fee or other compensation by reason of such use. Applicant will retain copyright of the public art.
- The City of Moorhead will not be responsible or be held liable for any injury or damage to Applicant or any person or property resulting from or occurring during or in any manner arising out of the use or installation of the public art.
- Proposed public art must reflect favorably upon the City of Moorhead. Public art that contains any type of content related to alcoholic beverages; tobacco products; hygiene or health products of a very personal nature; political, religious, moral, or social issues; sexual products/services; direct or overt messages critical of Moorhead; and anything otherwise inappropriate in a public place will not be allowed. The City of Moorhead may, at its sole discretion, refuse to allow consideration, placement or installation of art that it deems to be inappropriate considering the purpose and intent.

I have read and agree with all of the terms and conditions of the contest and hereby absolve the City of Moorhead or its representatives from any claim or loss, either past, present or future, in association with this public art proposal.

DISCLAIMER: The City of Moorhead may discontinue this project at any time and for any reason. Members of the Moorhead Art and Culture Commission, Moorhead City Council and Staff and their immediate families are ineligible to participate in this Call for Art.

I attest this proposal is true and accurate. Signature: _____

Questions? Please email questions to art@moorheadmn.gov