City of Clearwater Seeks Muralists for Six New Locations in Downtown Clearwater

Phase Two of Downtown Clearwater Mural Program aims to enliven public spaces and highlight downtown’s emerging arts scene

CLEARWATER, Fla.—The city of Clearwater’s Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), in partnership with the Clearwater Public Art and Design Program, is seeking artists to design and paint a series of murals on public and private properties throughout Downtown Clearwater.

Applications are open for artists from Aug. 1 – Sept. 1, 2020. Finalists will be notified by Sept. 18. The stipend for each mural will range from $5,000 – $20,000 depending on the size and complexity of the artwork. Artists are welcome to use Clearwater’s history, signature events and physical environment as inspiration. Murals must be completed by January 31, 2021.

This call to artists is phase two of the Downtown Clearwater Mural Program, a large-scale public art program through the CRA that aims to create a high-quality public realm which weaves art and culture into the fabric of everyday life.

The six new sites for the Downtown Clearwater Mural Program are:

- Commercial Building (east façade) – 701 Franklin Street
• Commercial Building (west façade) - 701 Franklin Street

• Clearwater Tower Parking Garage (south façade facing Station Square Park) – 33 N. Garden Avenue
• Commercial Building (east façade) – 533 Cleveland Street

• Commercial Building (north and west façades)—1253 Park Street
The call to artists for the second iteration of the Downtown Clearwater Mural Program can be found here: https://downtownclearwater.com/mural-program/, and the artist application can be found here: bit.ly/clwmuralsphase2

The first iteration of the Downtown Clearwater Mural Program asked artists to design and paint a mural that is inspired by the city of Clearwater’s past, present and future. Four murals were created and completed by January 2019 throughout downtown.

Earlier this summer, the CRA and Clearwater Arts Alliance launched a virtual map and tour of the art sites throughout downtown. The virtual map has more than two dozen murals, sculptures, signal box art, and creative placemaking projects—with more to come. Murals created in this phase of the Downtown Clearwater Mural Program will be listed on the Downtown Arts & Culture Map once completed: https://downtownclearwater.com/arts-and-culture-tour/

For questions on the program, contact Christopher Hubbard, the city’s cultural affairs coordinator, at christopher.hubbard@myclearwater.com or (727) 562-4067.

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