REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LGBTQ MURAL PROJECT
Charleston, WV

The Charleston LGBTQ Working Group and the City of Charleston Office of Public Art (COPA) are requesting proposals and qualifications from artists for the design and implementation of a mural on the block wall adjacent to the Quarrier Street side of Black Sheep Burrito and Brews.

ABOUT THE CHARLESTON LGBTW WORKING GROUP
The Charleston LGBTQ working group was established in May 2019. The group works in collaboration with the Mayor to offer recommendations and help develop LGBTQ related policies. The group includes representation from the City of Charleston, Charleston Police Department, Charleston City Council, business professionals and community members.

ABOUT THE CITY OF CHARLESTON- OFFICE OF PUBLIC ART (COPA)
The City of Charleston’s Office of Public was created to be a resource for the conservation, education, and the creation of Public Art in Charleston, WV. Through COPA major efforts have taken place to elevate the cultural vitality of the city.

PROJECT SUMMARY:
The Charleston LGBTQ Working Group and COPA are inviting artists to submit proposals for consideration to execute a mural on the block wall adjacent to the Quarrier Street side of Black Sheep Burrito and Brews, located at 702 Quarrier Street Charleston, WV. A selection committee will consider the proposals and award the contract to the committee selection.

CONCEPT:
We are looking for a clean vibrant design that celebrates inclusivity and diversity--and which integrates elements representative of Charleston’s LGBTQ community. The mural as public art should reflect Charleston’s commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community, complement the character of the building and provide for prospective social interaction.
TIMELINE:
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2020

ARTIST SELECTION FOR CONCEPT PROPOSAL: APRIL 15, 2020

EXECUTION OF MURAL: APRIL 22 - MAY 27, 2020 (weather pending)

Note: mural will be unveiled at the beginning of Pride Month in June.

SITE INFORMATION:
The building selected for this project is located at 702 Quarrier Street Charleston, WV 25301 at Black Sheep Burrito and Brews. See attachment for dimensions and coverage area.

MAINTENANCE/DURABILITY:
All applicants are expected to consider the issues of long-term conservation and maintenance of public art. This project is located in the public realm and will be exposed to weather and physical stresses. Artworks should be fabricated of highly durable, low-maintenance materials.

FINISHING:
Once the murals are completed and approved by the Charleston LGBTQ Working Group and COPA, an anti-graffiti clear-coat must be applied. This clear-coat product will be supplied to the artist by Fairness WV.

BUDGET:
The final selected artist will be paid a final stipend of $2,500 to execute the mural. The artist is responsible for all materials related to the execution of the project.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
Proposed concept rendering: Colored rendering of the proposed concept design.

Work Samples (5-10): Visual representations of past artwork that demonstrate qualifications in executing murals similar to this project.

- Physical submissions of artwork will not be accepted.
- Images must be formatted as separate high-resolution jpeg files.

Resume/Vitae: Submit a resume/Vitae that includes relevant work experiences to above mentioned project.
**ELIGIBILITY:**
Candidates must be professional artists or designers as stated in your resume, eligible to work in the United States, and age 18 or older. Candidates are eligible regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identification, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical ability. You do not need to be a resident of West Virginia to make a submission.

**Submission may be emailed to:**
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