



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Truckee River Pedestrian Pathway Reno, Nevada

Deadline: January 3, 2022 at 11:59 pm PST

The City of Reno Arts & Culture Commission (RACC) invites you to submit your qualifications to be eligible for a \$30,000 public art commission for the Truckee River Pedestrian Pathway in Reno, Nevada. Artists working in the United States and who have experience designing projects with a similar budget and scope are encouraged to apply. Teams of artists are welcome to apply.

Submit your qualifications online through Submittable by January 3, 2022 to be considered for this commission.

Project Description:

The RACC is looking for an artist or artist team to create artwork that incorporates a painted mural and artistic lighting along the Truckee River Pedestrian Pathway at the Wells Avenue bridge. The Wells Avenue bridge spans the Truckee River and crosses over a busy pedestrian walkway. The Truckee River Pedestrian Pathway follows the Truckee River through the heart of downtown, from Idlewild Park to Sparks, Reno's neighboring City. The pathway is used by a variety of people: walkers, runners, cyclists, and commuters. The project aims to create a safer and more welcoming environment.

Proposed projects should include the area under the bridge deck and the upper part of the columns along the pedestrian walkway. The mural and lighting treatment will only cover the area over the pathway. (See images below for a visual of the site.) It is not recommended that detailed design be painted on the lower portion of the columns due to the potential for graffiti. Design should reflect the City's maintenance capabilities (for example, solid colors on the lower portion of the columns).

Approximate measurements are as follows:

Columns are approximately 17' high by 9.6' wide at the upper portion.

The portion to be painted on the underside of the bridge deck measures approximately 85' x 50'. Please note that the surface is not flat but has large ridges.

The goals for the project include: revitalizing an area to improve the pedestrian experience, transforming this pedestrian space into an art form; increasing public awareness of art, and

broadening visitors' perspectives of public spaces within the City. The artist(s) selected should have demonstrated experience working in public locations subject to vandalism. This is a challenging worksite.

The RACC is looking for proposed projects that incorporate a painted mural and artistic lighting. Existing electrical can be hooked into for lighting. A boom lift will likely be needed to complete this project.

The RACC seeks artists with public art experience. The \$30,000 commission will cover all services from design through final installation/implementation, including artist fee, fabrication, insurance, transportation, equipment rentals, travel fees, and installation.

Budget:

Projected budget is \$30,000 for the entire project. This budget is inclusive of all costs associated with the design, planning, fabrication, installation, and completion of the project. The budget includes all travel costs and insurance. This project is funded in part by a National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Art Projects grant and by the City of Reno's 2% for Art Ordinance/Public Art Fund.

Location:

The [Wells Avenue bridge on the south side of the Truckee River](#).

Submission Requirements:

1. Resume or CV: Current professional resume or curriculum vitae (CV), detailing professional artistic accomplishments and references from past public art projects, including artist address, email, and phone number.
2. Digital Images: 5 digital images of previously completed artwork. Include image list with date, size, location, and description of work.
 - a. Images must be labeled and numbered according to image list
3. Proposed project: Detailed written description of proposed design for mural including materials and project approach plus visual sketch or rendering of proposed project.

The Artist Selection Process:

- Artists/teams submit qualifications, past work examples, and a proposal online through Submittable (see below).
- The Public Art Committee, with input from stakeholders, and RACC will select an artist/artist team for the commission to recommend to the City Council.

Timeline:

January 3, 2022 - Submission due online at 11:59 pm PST
February 2022 - One artist/team selected for commission
Summer 2022 - Artwork installation

How to Submit Your Qualifications:

Submit images of past work, resume, proposal and biographical information in [Submittable](https://cityofrenoartscultureandevents.submittable.com/submit/207521/call-for-artists-truckee-river-pedestrian-pathway) at: <https://cityofrenoartscultureandevents.submittable.com/submit/207521/call-for-artists-truckee-river-pedestrian-pathway>

For more information about City of Reno programs, visit www.RenoCulture.com. For questions on submitting through Submittable, please contact the Submittable Support Team. For questions regarding the call, please contact City of Reno Public Art Program Coordinator, Megan Berner, at bernerm@reno.gov or (775) 326-6333.



Pedestrian Pathway at Wells Ave Bridge Looking West



Pedestrian Pathway at Wells Ave Bridge Looking North



Pedestrian Pathway at Wells Ave Bridge Looking North - Column Detail



Pedestrian Pathway at Wells Ave Bridge Looking East