

St. Louis Park Request for Proposals

Overview of project request

The City of St. Louis Park in partnership with Friends of the Arts seeks artists to create work or art events in the community with residents that exemplifies the role local elections serve in the city. Works or events relating to the **story of the city**, and why residents participate in elections are encouraged.

Our hope is that the works would share the love of St. Louis Park that residents have to newer and less established residents in order to create a bridge and a stronger community. Works or events promoting **belonging and inclusive** messages focusing on the City of St. Louis Park's strategic priority of race equity will also be welcome.

Review and acceptance procedures

Because of the nature of this project proposals will not be considered that contain directly partisan content or that promotes a partisan issue. Projects may contain general civic imagery but should avoid promoting, either intentionally or unintentionally, a political party. Applicants should also have a relationship to the city so that they either live, work or are a member of an organization that works in the city. Applicants may not be a candidate for office on a St. Louis Park ballot, or directly promote a candidate for office.

Project proposals received before the deadline (June 30th 2019) will be reviewed by administrative staff of the city along with members of Friends of the Arts and selected based on several criteria which include:

- Appropriateness
- Feasibility
- Message

Parameters of submission

Proposals for projects can be in a visual, written, recorded media or events like story circles or poetry readings. The project will be used in promotional materials and eligible for display in city hall. Examples of strategies to approach this project could include:

- Photo Series: A set of photography that communicates what St. Louis Park means to the artist and how we build community and belonging with others
- Video: A collaborative work interviewing residents about their stories of building a home in the community.
- Writing (poetry or prose): A poem or story expressing essentially St. Louis Park images and welcoming new residents into our shared sense of community.

Compensation: There may be up to a \$400 Budget for the accepted proposal including materials, artist fee and any other expenses. The City of St. Louis Park will own the right to display the work with credit to the artist.

Timeline: Projects should fit the scope and timeline of the election cycle and promote the fall election held from September 20th to November 5th.

To apply: Visit the City of St. Louis Park website and submit a completed RFP application along with a project description. Applicants are encouraged to ask questions and explore the elections website to understand the outreach efforts of the City of St. Louis Park.