

City of St. Petersburg – Sunset Park
Request for Qualifications

Budget: \$45,500 (subject to a potential increase of \$4,500, for a potential total budget of \$50,000)

Deadline: February 11, 2022 at 5 pm

Contact: Lynn Goodwin at Lynn.Goodwin@StPete.org

I. Introduction

Artists are invited to submit qualifications for exterior art for Sunset Park, located at 7400 Central Avenue, in St. Petersburg (the “Park”). The open space is generally a passive park with gateway marker potential for welcoming visitors from the Gulf Beaches to St. Petersburg. The Park is made up of three distinct parcels with the focus for this project being only on the southernmost piece of the Park which is bounded by Central Avenue, First Avenue South, Sunset Drive S., and Park Street S. See attached aerial view. The Park fronts on the water and offers beautiful scenic views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The Project Committee seeks artists to design artwork and work with a fabricator to create the artwork as a 3-D form. Artists are encouraged to work as a team with a fabricator. Artists who have never installed a public art sculpture are encouraged to apply and must partner with a fabricator for manufacture and installation. A list of fabricators will be provided to finalists should they not have their own fabricator.

Low maintenance installations are encouraged. Any installations must withstand the Florida humidity, salt air, hurricane force winds, possible inundation by salt water, strong UV rays, and frequent unsupervised contact with children and adults. The City of St. Petersburg will install up to a 100-square-foot concrete pad if required. Proposals cannot require electric wiring; however, solar powered proposals would be entertained with the solar power source funding included in the Artists’ budget.

II. Background about the Site

Sunset Park consists of three parcels in the west end of the City and borders the Intracoastal Waterway. The southern-most parcel is primarily undeveloped with a seawall, several benches and plaques and serves as a passive park to the surrounding neighborhood. The middle parcel contains a garden club building and the northern parcel has a large fountain as a feature. The art in this RFQ is strictly to be placed in the southern-most parcel.

III. Opportunities for Art

The area in the Park has been identified as the southern-most block identified above. The precise location of the artwork is open to several possibilities within this block. Artwork would **not** be placed on the western side of the property along the seawall. Seating, interactive artwork, alternative gathering spaces, sidewalks, or gateway markers are things the Project Committee would entertain to identify St. Petersburg in a creative and fun manner. These could be placed along the northern edge of the property and directed at automobile traffic coming from the beaches.

IV. Application and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by staff for eligibility and completeness. Eligible applications will be reviewed by the Project Committee consisting of up to nine members.

Up to three (3) finalists will be selected to prepare a site-specific proposal to be presented to the Project Committee. A design honorarium of \$1,500 will be offered to each finalist to complete their project proposal along with budget details and a fabrication and installation plan.

To be considered, please submit a resume that identifies your experience and your legal street address along with three (3) .jpg files of your work. Please also submit a cover letter with one or two paragraphs stating your interest and your potential thematic concept. *Note: there is a 35MB total limit on size for email transmission, if more space is needed please email the address below for instruction.*

Please submit your three .jpg files, one cover letter file (either .doc or .pdf format) and one resume (either .doc or .pdf format) to Lynn.Goodwin@StPete.org no later than Friday, February 11, 2022 at 5PM EST with the subject line reading: SUNSET PARK RFQ SUBMISSION

Send questions regarding this RFQ to Lynn Goodwin, at Lynn.Goodwin@StPete.org - Subject line: "Artist Question, Last Name, First Name."

V. Eligibility

1. Artist must have experience with 2D art or 3D art in public spaces, galleries, or museums.
2. Artist must be based (have legal residence) in the Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota) area consisting of the following counties: Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, Highlands, Pasco, Polk, Hernando, or Citrus.

VI. Project Schedule (The City reserves the right to alter these dates and modify these procedures as the City deems necessary)

1. Application Deadline: February 11, 2022 at 5PM EST
2. Project Committee Reviews Applications and selects three finalists: March 2022
3. Finalists make presentations to Project Committee/Artist selected: May 2022
4. Install art at Sunset Park: October/November/December 2022

VII. Criteria for Selection of Finalists. The Project Committee will select up to three (3) artists as finalists to create a proposal, based upon the following criteria:

1. Quality and strength of past work as demonstrated in the submitted application materials.
2. Statement of potential thematic concept.
3. Ability to design, fabricate, and install art of a similar scale.

VIII. General Terms and Conditions.

1. From the date of release of this RFQ until award of a contract, no contact with the City's Public Art Commission, members of the Committee, or representatives of the City of St. Petersburg related to this RFQ is permitted except as authorized by Lynn Goodwin and/or in conjunction with scheduled RFQ activities. Any such unauthorized contact shall not be used as a basis for selection and may result in the disqualification of the Artist.
2. Upon submission, all materials (including proposals) become public records and the property of the City of St. Petersburg.
3. Due care and diligence has been exercised in preparation of this RFQ and all information contained herein is believed to be substantially correct; however, the responsibility for determining the full extent of the requested services rests solely with those submitting responses to this RFQ.
4. The City of St. Petersburg reserves the right to reject any or all applications submitted in response to this RFQ, waive any or all informalities and/or irregularities, re-advertise with either an identical or revised scope, or cancel this RFQ in its entirety.
5. The City of St. Petersburg reserves the right to reschedule or cancel a finalist selection without paying a stipend or any Artist expenses, subject to the terms and conditions of any stipend agreement that may be entered into between the City and any finalist(s).
6. The City of St. Petersburg is not under any obligation to select any finalist or to award a contract.
7. The City of St. Petersburg reserves the right to contact any or all applicants after submittal of a response to this RFQ to obtain supplemental information and/or clarification in either verbal or written form.
8. The Project Committee's selection of Artist is subject to approval by both the City of St. Petersburg Public Arts Commission and the City of St. Petersburg City Council.
9. The selected Artist will be required to enter into an agreement with the City for the design, fabrication, and installation of the artwork.
10. It is expected that the selected Artist will install the artwork, but the City reserves the right to install it in accordance with instructions provided by the Artist, in the City's sole and absolute discretion.
11. The selected Artist will be required to comply with all applicable laws, including but not limited to Florida Statute 255.05 if applicable.
12. In accordance with Florida law, all committee meetings, including all presentations to the Project Committee, are open to members of the public.