



Request for Qualifications

Artist Sunday – Holiday Community Art Engagement

Introduction

The City of Renton, through its Renton Municipal Arts Commission, is seeking a local artist's design that will be used to promote engagement during the upcoming holiday season to celebrate local artists and studios. Selected artwork will be used in a program designed to connect the public with Renton's creative community and highlight the work of local artists in a fun, interactive way.

Artists of all visual mediums are welcome to submit their interest. Designs should be adaptable for reproduction as a print-ready digital file.

Selected artists will:

- Provide a creative, original design suitable for reproduction as a high-resolution print file
- Collaborate with the City to ensure artwork aligns with the program's goals

How to Participate

- Submit your interest and qualifications to be considered for the program by the deadline of October 24, 2025.

Engagement Program Overview

The City is excited to encourage the community to explore Renton's studios, engage with local artists, and celebrate the city's creative culture. The program aims to:

- Showcase local artists and their studios during the holiday season
- Foster community connection and interaction with the arts
- Promote small businesses and creative entrepreneurs in Renton
- Generate excitement and visibility for Renton's arts community

The City anticipates a single award of \$500 for license or use of the selected design for the described program. The selected artist will be required to execute a standardized grant agreement with the City for use of their design.

Eligibility

- Open to all artists in the greater Seattle area, with preference for those living or working in Renton
- Artwork should focus on original creative expression; this program is not for advertising or signage

- Submissions should substantially comply with the Renton Municipal Art Commission's selection criteria under its grant program (information available here: <https://edocs.rentonwa.gov/Documents/DocView.aspx?id=11731239&cr=1>)

Submission Requirements

Please submit:

- A brief concept statement describing your proposed artwork
- Portfolio or examples of previous work
- Final artwork concepts from selected artists will be expected as a print-ready digital file (PDF, PNG, or JPG)

Submit via email or mail to:

ATTN: Artist Sunday – Holiday Engagement
City of Renton
Department of Community and Economic Development
Renton City Hall – 6th Floor
1055 S Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057
Email: arts@rentonwa.gov

Deadline for Submissions: Friday, October 24, 2025

Evaluation Criteria and Selection

The City will consider:

- Artistic quality as exemplified in previous work
- Ability to work at a scale appropriate for public art
- Ability to convey the identity of Renton and its creative community
- Ability to relate to multiple audiences (pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, drivers)
- Ability and willingness to engage with the community as part of the program

The City reserves the right to select one or more artists, or to accept no submissions and solicit additional applicants.

Terms and Conditions

- All artwork and rights remain the sole property of the artist
- The City will have rights to reproduce, publicly display, and distribute the artwork only for this program
- Artists are independent contractors; no employment relationship is created
- Artwork is not considered a work-for-hire under copyright law