



City of Milwaukee Arts Board Public Art Subcommittee

2013 New Work Fund

The City of Milwaukee Arts Board Public Art Subcommittee is seeking strategic partnerships with organizations, neighborhoods and artists to commission public art in the City of Milwaukee. Although the Arts Board's public art resources are limited, the subcommittee can use its technical expertise to assist in the preparation of RFQs and selection processes, and can work with partners to select artists and leverage resources.

Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. Groups without tax-exempt status must use a fiscal receiver (a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that agrees to receive and account for the funds) for their project.

In no case will the Milwaukee Arts Board provide more than 50% of the funds for a project, and in all cases our funding will only be released as matching funds are secured. We are willing to consider large projects for which we would be a smaller, catalytic funder, as well as smaller projects in which we would be an equal partner.

Grantees will be expected to appear before the Milwaukee Arts Board to make a final report on their projects. A written report, including a full financial accounting and pictures, will be required.

In 2013, the subcommittee has up to \$15,000 to disburse.

Applicants are asked to submit the following:

- A cover letter detailing the name of the sponsor, all pertinent contact information, the location of the project, and evidence of community support for the project.
- A one-page description of the project.
- A project timeline.
- A budget showing amount requested from the Arts Board (no more than \$15,000); projected expenses (such as artist fee, materials allocation, etc.); and income (annotated to reflect funds committed and funds pending, as well as sources). We recognize that this may be preliminary for some projects.
- Up to 4 .jpg images (past projects, plans, etc.) if the artist has been selected. No files larger than 1 MB, please.

Timeline 2013

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| April 2 | Deadline for proposals |
| April & May | The Public Art Subcommittee will consider proposals at its April and May meetings. |
| May 14 | New Work Fund project selection completed; recommendations forwarded to Milwaukee Arts Board for consideration. |
| May 14 | Milwaukee Arts Board votes on recommendations. |
| June | Contracting |

We understand that applicants may be at a very early stage in their commissioning process, and may not have many details yet. Provide all information that is available at the time of application. Applicants may be asked to submit additional materials or to attend a Public Art Subcommittee meeting to present their projects.

Proposals must be submitted electronically to artsboard@milwaukee.gov (put New Work Fund in the subject line) no later than midnight April 2, 2013.

Do not hesitate to contact us at the same address, and with the same subject line, if you have questions.