

# DRAFT

## Request for Qualifications

### Art Bench Project in Hollister, CA 2018

The San Benito County Arts Council seeks artists to produce four benches for placement at Dunne Park in Hollister, CA. in 2018.

#### Background and Project Theme

In 2017, the SBC Arts Council launched the *Activate Dunne Park Project* in partnership with the City of Hollister to revitalize Dunne Park in downtown Hollister. The project is part of a two-year initiative funded in part through the Creative California Communities Grant from the California Arts Council. Following several interdepartmental and neighborhood meetings, the Arts Council developed a list of infrastructural and programmatic priorities in an effort to activate and improve the park, which included more seating and shade, amongst other priorities. As part of this placemaking process, the Arts Council seeks to commission and install four artist designed and produced benches that reflect the unique landscape and neighborhood surrounding Dunne Park.

#### Art Bench Qualities

- Must be original, artist-designed benches created for permanent installation
- Must compliment the character of the neighborhood and fit within the existing park assets and surroundings
- Must deter sleeping, loitering and vandalism

#### General Specifications

- Must accommodate up to 500 pounds for seating
- Maximum length, 8 feet. Entire design must stay within 8 feet.
- Height, minimum 17 inches. Maximum height may vary depending on the site.
- Durable construction suitable for outdoor conditions.
- Bench must include mounting mechanism for surface installation. Artist is responsible for artwork transport to designated location and for final installation.

#### Budget

\$4,000 per bench, inclusive of all costs including installation. Selected finalists will be paid \$150 for proposal development.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must reside in the State of California with preference given to artists residing in San Benito, Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties.

#### Submission Requirements

Interested artists should submit the following materials:

- A letter of interest of 500 words maximum, with contact information, artistic approach and why your artwork would be compatible for this project.
- Up to 5 images of work samples with descriptions and estimated cost of each.
- Professional resume, maximum two pages.

**Submission materials must be received by Friday, June 29th at 4:30 p.m.**

E-mail submissions are preferred at: [info@sanbenitoarts.org](mailto:info@sanbenitoarts.org)

You may also mail materials to the attention of:

San Benito County Arts Council

PO Box 692

Hollister, CA 95024

All applications will receive an e-mail acknowledgement within three days of receipt.

**Timeline:**

- June 29, 2018 – RFQ submissions due
- July 13, 2018 – Finalist notified and invited for proposal development
- July 15 – 31, 2018 – Finalist interviews
- August 14, 2018 - Formal review by Public Art Review Committee
- September 2018 - City Council approval
- Installation begins October 2018

Schedule subject to change.

Please direct questions about the project to Jennifer Laine at [info@sanbenitoarts.org](mailto:info@sanbenitoarts.org) or 831-636-2787.