

Sculpture at Georgetown Park Call to Artists

*A Public-Private Collaboration between the
Town of Leesburg, Virginia Commission on Public Art & Friends of Leesburg Public Arts*

Summary:

The Leesburg Commission on Public Art (COPA) and Friends of Leesburg Public Arts (FOLPA) is seeking design submissions for a nature-themed sculpture to be placed in Georgetown Park. There will be a stipend. The Town of Leesburg will own the sculpture.

Project Description:

COPA is initiating a contest for design and installation of a sculpture to be placed in Georgetown Park located at 251 South King St, in Leesburg, near the Washington and Old Dominion Hike and Bike Trail. The sculpture will complement the environment in Leesburg.

Please note: this project is subject to council approval once design has been submitted.

Both individual artists and teams can submit designs. The winning artist/team will be responsible for the design, production, and complete installation of the artwork at the designated location in Georgetown Park. The dimensions of the artwork should be a maximum of 1' width/diameter from the top of the base to a 7' height, where the width/diameter can expand at the artist's discretion to a maximum width/diameter of 3'. The sculpture should not exceed 10' in height. Please see the attachment for dimensions.

Artwork Theme

The theme for the sculpture should be relevant to nature and must complement the surrounding park atmosphere. Extra consideration will be given to those submissions that incorporate the state of Virginia symbols (e.g. bird, flower, etc.) Because the sculpture will be installed outdoors, the material used must be weather-resistant.

Artist Eligibility

This Call is open to all artists in the Mid-Atlantic region. Emerging artists are encouraged to apply. There is no requirement for previous public art experience.

Application Requirements

1. One (1) design from each artist/team. Design should show the proposed sculpture from at least 3 angles.
2. Artist statement – a brief written description of the work (one 8-1/2" x 11" letter-sized page). This is for, and in support of, the artwork to give the viewer a full understanding of the work. It should inform, connect with an art context, and present the basis for the work.
3. Résumé with contact information, website, or social media page (if available) and any previous related experience.

Budget

The proposed artist fee for design and costs for production and complete installation, including the design and construction of the sculpture base, is up to \$10,000. If the artist/team chooses to use the attached approved sculpture base design, no additional base design is required (this is the same sculpture base used for the ArtsPARKs installations at Raflo Park in Leesburg, VA). If the proposed sculpture needs a stronger base, the proposed budget must include a sculpture base that is designed and sealed by a professional structural engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Timeline

April 8, 2024: Call open and posted online

May 6, 2024 at 12:00/Noon: Submissions due

May 6, 2024: Submissions reviewed by COPA

May 8, 2024: Artist / Artist Team selected by COPA notified

May 28, 2024: Town Council Meeting Vote (selected Artist / Artist Team welcome to attend)

May 30, 2024: Winning Artist / Artist Team – Notified

June 27, 2024: Winning Artist / Artist Team Fully Developed Design Due

Date of Installation – Summer 2024

Selection Process

The submissions will be reviewed by COPA and FOLPA. Submissions will be weighted 70% for design and 30% for cost. COPA will send the final recommendation to the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Leesburg Town Council for final approval. Once the Town Council has approved the winning design, artists will be notified.

Selection Criteria

- Originality/creativity
- General community appeal
- Suitability: appropriate in scale, material, form, and content for the community and physical environment
- Durability: demonstrates structural and surface integrity, reasonable maintenance cost, and requirements for an outdoor artwork structure
- Priority will be given to sculpture designs that include nature and complement the surrounding park atmosphere. Extra consideration will be given to those submissions that incorporate the state of Virginia symbols (e.g. bird, flower, etc.)
- Proposed Budget: Artist fee for design, and costs for production and installation, including the sculpture base for a total up to \$10,000

Submission Address

Application for this Call to Artists can be made via email to lkosin@leesburgva.gov (10MB limit), or mailed or hand delivered in hard copy form, to:

Town of Leesburg Commission on Public Art

25 W Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176

ATTN: Leah Kosin, COPA Liaison