



MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE ARTWORK REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Artwork Budget: \$400,000

Total Project Budget: \$600,000

Deadline: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (AZ time)

Application: cityofsurprise-arts.submittable.com/submit

Opportunity

The City of Surprise invites artists or artist teams to submit qualifications to lead the design and integration of a creative outdoor gathering space at the new Multigenerational Community Resource Center in Surprise, Arizona. The selected design should recognize and celebrate the history, contributions and culture of the Original Town Site, inspire creativity and curiosity, and consider elements of landscaping and shade in the design. A community selection panel will select four finalists to participate in a design proposal phase where they will receive a \$2,000 design fee + travel costs to meet with stakeholders, submit design proposals and participate in interviews with the selection panel.

Project Background

The City of Surprise partnered with Maricopa County on a \$27 million investment to construct a state of the art estimated 32,800 sq. ft. Multigenerational Community Resource Center to serve the Northwest Valley. This project will expand health, wellness, workforce development, housing, homeless assistance, benefit assistance, veteran services, senior services, after school youth programs, summer youth programs and library services. There will be advancements for library patrons and services; offerings for community groups, clubs and non-profit organizations; along with after school and summer youth programming. See more information at surpriseaz.gov/MCRC.

Applicant Support

City staff are available to provide support to interested applicants through individual meetings and during a virtual Q&A session. During the Q&A session staff will review the application process, provide project background and answer questions.

Q&A Session - Virtual

Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10 a.m. Arizona Time

[Q&A Registration](#)

Individual Artist Call Meeting

Available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

[See Schedule](#)

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to qualified artists and artist teams. Artists working in any medium may apply, but designs must translate to a physical three-dimensional artwork. Once selected, artist teams may not change over the duration of the project after the Round 2 proposal phase.

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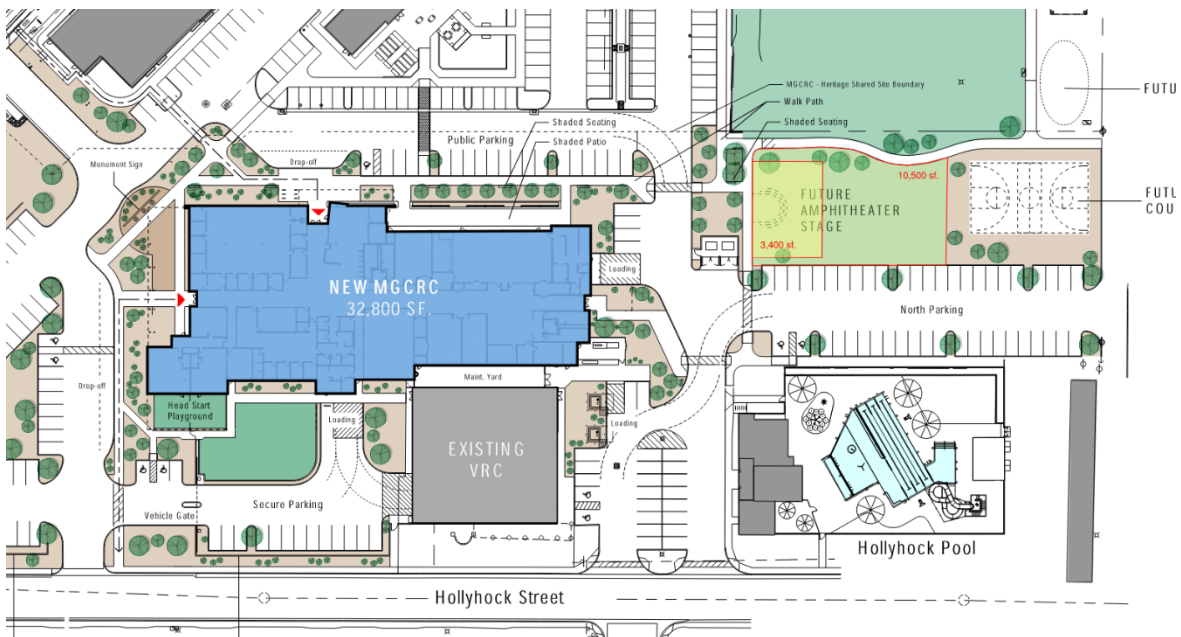
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Budget

The selected artist will be provided up to \$400,000 to collaborate with the design team, engage with community stakeholders, formalize the design of the artwork with consideration to associated landscaping and lighting, arrange the fabrication of the artwork, coordinate with contractors and provide oversight for the installation of the artwork. The selected artist(s) will be responsible for any and all costs necessary to complete their scope of services, including but not limited to any materials, fees, related travel and permits.

Location

The Multigenerational Community Resource Center will be constructed in Surprise, Arizona's historic Original Town Site, which was the first square mile of farmland founded in 1938 by Flora Mae Statler. 85% of residents in the Original Town Site are Hispanic and include families who have lived in Surprise for multiple generations. The center will be visible from Grand Avenue near Greenway Road at 15660 N. Hollyhock St. Surrounding the proposed center, there is currently the Villanueva Recreation Center, a City pool, the Senior Center and Hollyhock Library. There is also a permanent supportive housing development and a planned (2024) affordable senior housing development, in partnership with the Housing Authority of Maricopa County, adjacent to the property.



Project Goals

This project aligns with the Arts & Culture Division's goals of increasing access to programs and resources and solidifying our unique cultural identity by:

- **Making Surprise a more dynamic, connected and creative city** creating opportunities for community members to gather and celebrate in neighborhoods, parks and community centers with programs that are site-specific
- **Cultivating and preserving our cultural heritage** by prioritizing art and culture projects and programs that serve to document, celebrate, preserve and define communities
- **Making arts and culture available and accessible to all residents** by prioritizing projects in parks, community centers and neighborhoods, and diversifying the types of artworks and pool of artists commissioned by the City for art projects
- **Making City government more accessible, welcoming and responsive to artists, organizations and community members** by promoting public engagement and co-creating programs and initiatives with community members, partners and stakeholders

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Review Process & Timeline

Four (4) finalists and two (2) alternates will be selected by a panel of community members. Applicants will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Quality, creativity and strength of work samples (40%)
- Demonstrated experience, interest and qualifications to complete project of this scale (20%)
- Ability to engage community in design phase (20%)
- Alignment with project goals (20%)

Anticipated Project Timeline

Call to Artist – RFQ Released	January 15, 2024
Application Workshop – Optional	February 26, 2024
Application Deadline – RFQ	March 11, 2024
Panel Review	April 2024
RFP Research & Design	April - May 2024
Panel Interviews - RFP	June 2024
Design & Review Phase	July 2024 - July 2025
Fabrication	September 2025 - December 2025
Installation	Winter/Spring 2026

How to Apply & Application Checklist

Compile all materials on the checklist and complete the online application at the link below. If you need accommodations or additional support to complete your application, please contact us at least two weeks prior to the application deadline.

Online Application: cityofsurprise-arts.submittable.com/submit

- Contact information
- Short responses (200 words max)
 - Tell us about your artwork and creative practice: what artistic mediums do you use, what content do you work with, what is your style, your artistic values and/or your approach to creating art
 - Tell us about your experience and qualifications for this project: have you created something of a similar scope in the past? What is your experience working with design teams and/or integrating artwork into a larger public site?
 - How have you successfully engaged community and/or incorporated cultural context in the creation of your work?
- Five (5) past work samples
 - File names should be labeled [Image #_Last Name/Group Name]
 - Include image number, title, date completed, materials used, budget and size/scale
 - File formats accepted
 - Images (.jpg or .png)
 - Video & audio (.mov, .mp4, .mp3) – video should not exceed two minutes, only first two minutes will be viewed if time is exceeded