

CALL TO ARTISTS

Artist Roster for Public Art Projects

Deadline: November 20, 2023, 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time (PST)



We Found Love, Rain Pierre, Agnes Greenway crosswalk, New Westminster, BC

The City of New Westminster requests qualifications from local artists and artist teams for applicable public art opportunities. Projects will vary and artists practicing in all media are encouraged to apply. Examples of such projects may include (but is not limited to) banners, murals, artist residencies, social practice/community engaged projects, functional, stand alone or integrated temporary and permanent installations throughout the city. The Artist Roster is a list of artists who pre-qualify to create public art throughout the city. It allows for a streamlined selection process and will be one of several ways used to hire artists.

OPPORTUNITY

Artists will be commissioned for various City of New Westminster projects with budgets under \$75, 000 (CAD, plus GST) as opportunities become available. Artist selection will be in compliance with the City's Procurement Policy. This pre-qualified roster of artists will be used for the period January 4, 2024 to January 3, 2026. Please note that artists on the list are **not** guaranteed a commission as projects will be awarded based on available opportunities within a two year period.

BUDGET

Project budgets will vary and be **under \$75,000** (CAD, plus GST). Actual budgets and scope of work will be determined on a project by project basis.

ELIGIBILITY

This is an open call to artists who live or work in New Westminister and the Lower Mainland (which includes the regional districts of Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley). Artists working in any media or at various stages of their careers are welcome. Artists from local Indigenous nations, urban Indigenous and those who self-identify as a member of an equity-denied and/or under-represented community are especially encouraged to apply.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

New Westminister's Public Art Policy lays out the foundation for creating a critical and engaging Public Art Program. The goals of this Policy promote and encourage diverse and inclusive opportunities that help animate the urban landscape, nurture civic dialogue and support the development and growth of the arts in the city. More information about the Public Art Program: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/publicart>

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please submit the following information in a single, multi-page document named **"Artist Roster"** followed by the **Artist's Name**:

1. Letter of Interest (Max 1 page)

The Letter of Interest will outline who you are and your interest in this opportunity. Please include your background, connection to or interest in New Westminister and this call, qualifications and relevant experience. This is an opportunity for us to understand who you are, your art practice, previous relevant experience and interest in the project. Please do not submit a proposal at this stage.

If you are new to public art, let us know what types of projects interests you and how your artistic practice and previous experiences relate to public art.

2. CV or Résumé (Max 2 pages)

Include your cv or résumé summarizing your education, qualifications and previous experience along with current contact information such as email, telephone number and mailing address. Artist teams should include one page for each member.

3. References

Provide a minimum of two references who can speak to the quality of your work and relevant experience. Please include name, address, email and telephone number for each person.

4. Images (Max 10)

Provide examples of past work. Please include an annotated image list with dates and project details.

Submissions may be provided to the City either by email, uploaded to the City's FTP site or delivered in hard copy, on or before the deadline for submissions, as follows:

- a) Email - PDF emailed submissions are preferred (the City will confirm receipt of emails). Please submit all required information in one (1) PDF file named **"Artist Roster" followed by the Artist's Name** to publicart@newwestcity.ca. Note that the maximum file size the City can receive is 10Mb.
- b) Upload to FTP site: <https://fileshare.newwestcity.ca/filedrop/~eMrXGY>
- c) Hard Copy - Hard copy submissions consisting of a single, multi-page document can be delivered to the City in a sealed package addressed to:

Artist Roster

Attn: Quyen Hoang
C/O: Main Reception Desk
Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia Street
New Westminster, BC V3M 1B6

Application deadline

Deadline to submit is **Monday, November 20, 2023, 11:59 pm (PST)**. Please note that hard copy application packages will not be returned.

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

The process will be undertaken by a Selection Panel comprised of artists, community members and arts professionals. The panel will review applications and select up to 20 artists for this program.

As public art opportunities become available, City staff in consultation with stakeholders will select artists from the roster based on the requirements for each project.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection will be based on the quality of past work, consider a variety of artistic practices and experiences and reflect the City's commitments to equity, diversity and reconciliation.

KEY DATES

Call open	October 16, 2023
Deadline to apply	November 20, 2023
Projects awarded between	January 3, 2024 – January 3, 2026

APPLICATION SUPPORT

Contact Quyen Hoang, Public & Community Art Coordinator
qhoang@newwestcity.ca or at 604.636.3553 for questions and support.