



CITY OF HENDERSON Call for Artists

INTRODUCTION

The City of Henderson is currently working to enhance the Water Street District in downtown Henderson, making it a more vibrant and active neighborhood. The City's collective vision is for an authentic downtown core that is welcoming to everyone. The goal is for the Water Street District to become both a place to call home and a community gathering space by offering a collection of retail, professional services, family activities, arts and nightlife entertainment, employment centers, and educational opportunities.

Several redevelopment projects are currently underway to help make that vision a reality. These include a new community ice arena and American Hockey League practice facility, an outdoor pavilion, an expanded arts presence, and converting Water Street (the "Main Street" of Henderson) to a festival street that is pedestrian friendly and will be frequently closed to vehicular traffic in the future to accommodate pedestrian-scaled community events and festivals.

Call for Artists

The City of Henderson is calling on artists to participate in a themed focused celebration of water in the Water Street District and making it a more beautiful place by covering 12 benches along Army Street with artwork. Selected artists will be tasked with creating artwork(s) that play on each artist's interpretation of water. Up to 12 artists or artist teams will be chosen, and each selected artist or team will design and paint a minimum of one bench with artwork to be completed over three days.

The Canvas

There are 12 benches. Eight of the benches measures 1.5 feet high, 12 feet wide, and 1.5 feet deep. The minimum area that needs to be painted on each of these eight benches is 40.5 square feet. The remaining four benches measure 1.5 feet high, 18 feet wide, and 1.5 feet deep. The minimum area that needs to be painted on each of these four benches is 58.5 square feet. Photos and dimensions are included for reference. Benches are mostly smooth concrete, however, there are sections on the top and side that are recessed inwards in a triangular shape. Artists will need to take this into account when creating their design. We strongly encourage artists to view the benches before applying.



Budget

The overall budget of \$12,000 will be split among the chosen artist or artist teams with a total of 12 artists or artist teams selected. Selected artist/artist teams will be rewarded up to \$1,000 per bench.

Supplies

Artists will provide their own paint and supplies. Artists are required to add an anti-graffiti coat of paint to their work, which will be provided by the City. Each artist should include in their submission a comprehensive list of supplies and paint used for the project.

Who should apply?

Visual artists working in any physical medium may participate. Artists must live/work in Clark County. In addition, the call is open to:

- *Individual artists*
- *Team of artists (two or more collaborators)*
- *Art magnet schools*

Selection Process

The artists will be determined by a selection committee made up of members of the Henderson Arts & Culture Council, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and representatives from the City of Henderson departments including Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Community Development and the Redevelopment Agency. The following criteria will be used to evaluate submissions:

- *Experience with artwork in the public realm. The selection committee will prioritize artist or artist teams with experience completing artwork for municipalities and as part of streetscape or street infrastructure.*
- *Successfully demonstrate previous application or interpretation of theme-based public art installation. Due to the parameters of the project (water as a theme), previous successful theme-based work or interpretations is desired.*
- *Experience with murals. The selection committee will prioritize muralists.*
- *Tentative Dates and Schedule (subject to change):*
- *Questions due Sunday, October 9, 2020*
- *Questions answered and posted October 9-15, 2020*
- *Submissions due Sunday, October 18, 2020*
- *Final proposals presented to Arts & Culture Council and other selected artists: October 29, 2020*
- *Artists notified by November 2, 2020*
- *Artwork installation: November 6-15, 2020 (Completed by 5pm on November 15, 2020)*

How to Apply

To apply, please visit ngemnv.com. You will need to register and create an account if you do not have one already. To do this, select “register” on the home page. Under “Company Name,” please provide your first and last name (five characters minimum). Under “main phone,” please provide your primary contact information. Select “next” and you will see new options with blue icons appear under the “Preliminary Company Information” header. Select



“Create New Supplier” to create an account in your name and complete your registration. Upon completing your registration, you will be able to download attachments from the project page. If you have any questions regarding NGEM, please contact Luke Fritz at 702-267-1717 or luke.fritz@cityofhenderson.com.

Required Documentation for Submission

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Responses are to be submitted electronically via NGEM and uploaded as one complete document to the Response Attachments Tab by the close date and time. Responses submitted must include the following information:

- *Artists or artist teams must submit a portfolio of existing work as a PDF of no more than 100MB.*
- *Bio of no more than 800 characters including spaces.*
- *Website (or social media page) of demonstrated accomplishments and previous work(s) (if applicable).*
- *Design concept sketch/s for proposed work.*

Payment

Payments to the artists and/or artist teams will be handled by the City of Henderson’s Community Development & Services (CD&S) Department. Upon being selected, the artist and/or artist teams will have to be set up as a vendor. To accomplish this, each artist and/or artist team will need to provide CD&S with a W-9 form, a mailing address, and a tax ID or social security number. Upon conclusion of the project, the artist and/or artist team must submit an invoice to CD&S. The payment method will be through a check and will arrive at the mailing address that was provide by the artist or artist team within 30 days after the invoice is submitted.

Maintenance Plan

Upon completion of the project, artists will be required to check on their work at a scheduled time once a year for the next five years to ensure that it is kept up to standard. If any vandalism or damages occur the artist and City will work together to make the necessary repairs. After five (5) years the City reserves the right to paint over the bench.

Questions?

All questions must be submitted electronically through the NGEM system using the Questions Tab. Questions must be submitted prior to the question cutoff date and time shown in both the Event Details and Questions Tabs.