

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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**Wednesday
November 29, 2023**

3:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mural at Jackson & A Streets

Review and discuss content for project RFQ.

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Mural at Jackson & A

Moscow, ID

Project Description

The City of Moscow and the Moscow Arts Commission invite artists and artist teams to submit qualifications for a mural to be installed on the City of Moscow building located at Jackson & A Streets. The community of Moscow rises up from the fertile ground of the Palouse, where water, seeds, and soil create a playful dance of transformation. Joining in this growth are the intertwining stories of students and life-long residents. Rooted in Moscow, these stories are a celebration of potential, of opening and stretching toward the sunlight. The mural at the building at Jackson & A will reflect the spirit of play, celebration, and transformation at the core of the Moscow community.

Budget

The artist honorarium for the mural installation is not to exceed \$25,000. Included in this budget are the artist's fee, insurance, travel, fabrication, engineering, materials, installation, documentation, and all other costs accrued by the artist specific to this project. The artist honorarium does not include costs associated with surface preparation, priming, and the application of an anti-graffiti coating after the mural installation. These processes will be completed by the City of Moscow.

Eligibility

Artists eighteen (18) years-of-age and older from the United States are eligible for this project. Preference may be given to artists from Idaho or Washington. Artists are eligible regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital or familial status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, and gender expression or identity. Artist teams are eligible to apply, including teams of artists from multiple disciplines. Selection panelists and their immediate family members are not eligible for participation. No artist sitting on a Selection Panel may submit a proposal for the project for which the Selection Panel was formed.

Artwork Design Parameters

The mural area wraps around the northwest corner of the building, including a 14' x 30' section on the north-facing wall and a 15' x 56' section on the west-facing wall. The mural is anticipated to last between 5-8 years, so paint materials used to complete this project must be professional, exterior-grade, water-based coatings designed for exposure to year-round exterior conditions. This site cannot accommodate murals on panels, kinetic or sculptural works, or any artwork that requires power or water. This mural site is near a busy intersection; as such, the site is not compatible with highly-reflective materials.

Important Dates (subject to change)

February – March 2024	RFQ Submission Period
May 2024	Finalists create proposals for Selection Panel review
July 2024	Selected Artist Announcement
September 30, 2024	Installation Deadline



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Submission and Selection

Round #1 of the selection process welcomes the submission of artist qualifications and examples of past work. These materials will be evaluated by the Selection Panel, which will then recommend three finalists to create site-specific proposals. Each of the finalists will receive a \$1000 honorarium for creating the site-specific design. No site-specific designs will be reviewed or considered in Round #1 of the submission process.

Round #2 will consider the merits of finalist proposals. The Selection Panel will make a recommendation to the Moscow Arts Commission, which will recommend an artist/artist team and design to City Council. Upon approval by City Council, all finalists will be notified of the decision and the selected artist will complete a contract with the City for the completion of the mural.

Round #1 Submission Requirements & Selection Criteria

- 1. Letter of Interest**
- 2. Resume**
- 3. Work Samples**

Include up to 6 photographs of no fewer than 2 projects of a similar or larger scale.

- 4. Selection Criteria**

Artist Qualifications

- a. The artist's letter articulates interest in pursuing this project as well as describing its relevance to their artistic practice.
- b. The artist's letter of interest reveals an understanding of and connection to the public art site and project description.
- c. The artist's resume reveals a record of practice in the art field, including public art commissions.
- d. The applicant submits photographs of at least 2 completed public art projects of similar or larger scale.
- e. The artist's past work reveals aesthetic, conceptual, and technical expertise.



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Round #2 Submission Requirements & Selection Criteria

1. Site-specific Design

Include up to five renderings of the proposed design, preferably overlaid on photographs of the site and shown at the proposed scale.

2. Artist Statement

Describe connections between the design and the project description, site, and Moscow community as well as contextualizing the project within the artist's larger body of work.

3. Professional References

4. Selection Criteria

Artist Qualifications

- a. The artist provides two to three references who confirm the artist's professionalism in communication, previous success in the execution of mural projects, ability to meet deadlines, and ability to stay on budget.

Conceptual Quality and Originality

- a. The proposed design is original to the presenting artist.
- b. The design is unique (i.e. edition of one), rather than a mass-produced item or image.
- c. The artist articulates the connections between the proposed design and the project description as well as the project site and the Moscow community.

Form

- a. The proposed design reveals mastery of formal craftsmanship.
- b. The scale of the proposed design is appropriate to the site.
- c. The colors used, if any, are chosen with an awareness of local educational institutions as well as their athletic rivals.
- d. The proposal aligns with the project's design parameters and does not present a hazard to public safety.

Content and Context

- a. The content of the proposed design aligns with the project description.
- b. The content of the proposed design is relevant to the City of Moscow's values, culture, and people.
- c. The proposed design reflects the architectural, historical, geographical, geological, and/or socio-cultural context of the site.
- d. The proposed design serves to activate or enhance the intended location.
- e. The proposed design has the potential to expand the formal and conceptual range of the Public Art collection.
- f. The artwork's subject matter and content is appropriate for public exhibition and does not contain advertising, religious references, sexual content, negative imagery, or convey political partisanship.



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Selection Panel

The Arts Manager will coordinate recommendation of selection panelists to the Mayor and Council. MAC will consider the guidelines hereinbelow, requests by individuals, and staff recommendations. Selection Panel members shall serve at the appointment of the Mayor.

Selection Panels will be comprised of at least the following:

1. Voting members:
 - a. Participating department representative or designee (1)
 - b. Moscow Council member or designee (1)
 - c. MAC members (2)
 - d. Community representative, preferably from project impact area (1)
 - e. Artist not involved with the respective Capital Improvement project
2. Non-voting members:
 - a. Arts Program Manager (Selection Panel facilitator)
 - b. Project architect, landscape architect, interior designer, or engineer
 - c. City staff members acting in a technical advisory capacity

Length of term. Each Selection Panel member serves through the completion of one (1) public art project. No artist sitting on a Selection Panel may submit a proposal for the project for which the Selection Panel was formed. MAC members shall declare a conflict of interest if a project comes before the Selection Panel from which he/she or the household or business could financially benefit. MAC members shall also declare a conflict of interest if a person with whom he/she shares a household or whom he/she professionally represents has a matter to be considered by Selection Panel. Such person shall recuse themselves from any participation in any process for the project the Selection Panel is considering. No member of the project's architect or landscape architect, interior designer, or engineering firm may apply for a public art project being designed by that firm.

Selection Panel Procedures and Responsibilities

1. Moscow Arts Manager will hold an orientation for the Selection Panel. The orientation may include a presentation of works currently in the public art collection, review of program guidelines, orientation to the specific project; and/or a review of any goals already established by the participating department and the Moscow Arts Program Manager and MAC.
2. Review all submissions pertaining to the public art project using the published criteria.
3. Approve all recommendations by a majority vote of the full Selection Panel.
4. The Selection Panel will make recommendations on finalists and their work to the Arts Program Manager. MAC members on the Selection Panel will report the Panel's recommendation to the Commission during a regular meeting, after which the MAC will vote to recommend an action on the project to City Council.
5. The Arts Manager will generate a project report to present to the Mayor and Council for final approval.
6. The City reserves the option of making no recommendation from submitted applications and may require reopening of the competition or may propose other methods of selection, if no proposal is accepted.
7. The Selection Panel must always adhere to the requirements of Moscow City Code Title 5, Chapter 18.



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About Moscow, ID

Moscow is settled on the rolling hills of the Palouse, a rich landscape long inhabited by the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) people indigenous to the region. Nez Perce culture remains an important presence on the Palouse, both on tribal lands and in relationship with public and private entities around the region. The Nimiipuu tribe's educational and cultural outreach includes partnerships with the University of Idaho and displays of tribal artifacts at the City of Moscow's Third Street Gallery and the Clearwater River Casino's Cultural Walk.

The City of Moscow was incorporated on July 12, 1887, and its modern history is rooted in agriculture; the surrounding region produces top-quality wheat and pulses. The presence of farming in the community goes far beyond commerce, however, as grain silos and other architectural features announce agricultural endeavor as part of the community's aesthetic identity.

Moscow is home to the University of Idaho, a land grant institution established in 1889. School spirit influences the atmosphere of the city, imbuing it with the balance of gravitas and celebration that characterizes educational experience. University arts programs like the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and the Prichard Art Gallery have greatly contributed to Moscow's identity as a cultural center, and the City of Moscow Arts Department is proud to partner with these and other community arts groups to foster artistic excellence.

Moscow is rich not only in visual and performing arts events, but also in recreational and culinary opportunities. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the Palouse landscape at recreational features like Moscow Mountain and the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail, followed by tastes of the region at area restaurants, wineries, and breweries.

A balance of educational, industrial, recreational, and agricultural endeavors defines the region, so the City of Moscow Arts Department works to meet multifaceted needs. The public art program aims to reflect the diversity of Moscow by fostering the relationship between different cultural forces in the community. Whether part of the University, business community, or the agricultural tradition, the City of Moscow Arts Department partners value the arts as a way to drive economic development and civic identity.

The City of Moscow Arts Department's mission is to enrich the community by celebrating and cultivating the expressions of all forms of art and culture. It has fostered artistic excellence and public access to the arts in the city for many years. The program's focus areas are fourfold: curation of community exhibition space at the Third Street Gallery inside City Hall, arts events and programming, arts and culture education, and a comprehensive public art program.

Guided by a Public Art Master Plan adopted in 2015, the public art collection is ever-expanding, with artistic direction crafted in collaboration between city staff and the Moscow Arts Commission, a passionate group of volunteer arts advocates. The collection is comprised of both temporary and permanent features, each of which are pictured on the City of Moscow website. Temporary artworks include vinyl-wrapped utility boxes and bus shelters as well as a sculpture garden featuring artworks on loan to the City. Artworks in the permanent collection range from mosaic murals and sculptures-in-the-round to framed pieces in the Portable Collection. Each new piece in the permanent collection joins others by celebrated regional artists including Harold Balazs, David Govedare, Miles Pepper, Robert Horner, Melissa Cole, J. Casey Doyle, Jennifer Corio and Dave Frei. Moscow is a community rich with diversity of thought, inhabited by minds open to possibility and creative interpretation. As such, the public art program not only celebrates the artist as a professional and valued business partner, but also welcomes a broad range of appearances, media, and art-making processes into its collection.



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Site Details

City of Moscow Building at Jackson & A Streets: View from Jackson Street





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City of Moscow Building at Jackson & A Streets: View of west-facing wall from Jackson Street





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City of Moscow Building at Jackson & A Streets: View of north-facing wall

