Artist Application & Proposal

Bringing Public Art to Burns Park

The Downtown Neighborhood Association seeks an artist or artists to design murals for Burns Park, located at 702 Main Street in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Selected artist(s) will paint both sides of the concrete mural wall, which is situated under the shade canopy at park center.

Encouraged themes are included below. However, these themes are not required, and artists are welcome to explore their own vision for the space.



West-Facing Mural Wall



East-Facing Mural Wall



Mural Requirements

- -Encouraged themes: community, diversity, shared humanity, interconnectedness
- -Must be an original work
- -Artwork must be approved before painting begins
- -No political statements
- -Artist must be able to complete the mural by June 18, 2021
- -All murals will have a top coat of Sher-Clear 1K Waterborne Acrylic Clear Coat or similar product
- -Murals should fill the entire space of the west wall and east wall.

Approximate measurements are:

West-facing - 52" x 125.5" (45 sq ft) East-facing - 40" x 125.5" (35 sq ft)

*Small plantings in front of the east-facing mural wall may cause minor obstructions

Budget & Payment

- -Project Budget: \$2,500
- -The artist(s) selected will receive a deposit payment of 50% in advance. The artist is responsible for purchasing materials. The additional 50% will be paid upon completion of the mural.
- -In the event that two artists are selected, the budget will be split 50/50 between the artists.

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. CST

Please submit your application and proposal by Friday, May 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. CST. Selected artist(s) will be notified by May 21, 2021.

Application & Proposal:

Please complete the following form. Be sure to attach requested items below.

Name: *

Cameron King

Preferred Pronouns: *

He/Him

Mailing address: *	
531 Main Street Apt.1	
Phone: *	
916-472-9053	
Email: *	
Cameronking.art@gmail.com	
Website (optional):	
Social Media (optional):	
@cameronking.art	

Brief Bio / Artist Statement (200 - 500 words) *

As an artist, Cameron King is excited for any opportunity to convey ideals of love and hope to the world at large, or the community he calls home. Whether it's through print, paint, or various other media. The use of bold primary colors and text conveys powerful and unifying messages using simple motifs.

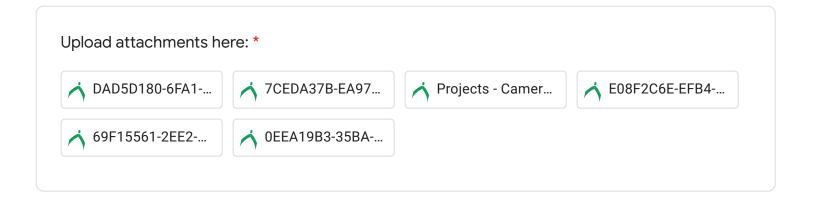
Project Narrative (500 words or less): *

Please describe your proposal. Be sure to include the mural name, description of mural visuals, and your timeline/plans for completing the mural by June 18, 2021.

For my Burns Park Mural proposal I am between two names: "You Are Loved" or "Love Grows Love". Both titles double as statements that feel very unifying and true to me. They also wholly reflect my feelings towards the Community that I've found myself part of in the Driftless Area, specifically La Crosse. Since I moved here 6 years ago, I have felt loved! The way the people of this community have embraced me, my art, and even my identity as a Queer person have led me to experiences and opportunities I never dreamed imaginable. Which leads me to the statement, love grows love. The seeds of love, hope, and creativity that are sewn by us here now by investing in our community, will grow into the future we want to see. A future where people know they are loved, a feeling that drives us towards our dreams. I convey these ideas through the proposed design with the statement wall "You are loved" in text featuring a few of what I like to call "heart flowers". And the complimentary wall showing the cycle of love grows love, the larger heart flower watering the newer hearts and enabling them to grow so the cycle can continue. It uses a simple color pallet of 4 colors + black and white, and fairly simple design elements. This would enable me to finish this mural in 2-5 days as long as it doesn't rain! I would be available to start the mural as early as May 20th, and would hope to finish the mural by the second week in June. This mural is an ode to the love that I have received here in La Crosse that has helped me grow into the person I am today.

In the next section, please attach the following:

- -Rendering of mural design
- -Resume outlining artistic accomplishments and activities (2 pages maximum)
- -Photos of past work (murals preferred but other mediums are welcome)
- -Letter(s) of recommendation (optional)



Questions?

Please contact the Burns Park Art Committee members - Courtney Lokken, Jacqueline Marcou, and Mary Larson - by emailing downtownneighborhoodlax@gmail.com.



About Downtown Neighborhood Association

The Downtown Neighborhood Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, brings together residents, property owners, business owners, and institutions in order to enhance our safe and welcoming neighborhood, celebrate our history, and foster community among our diverse populations. The neighborhood association meets on the third Tuesday of most months, and anyone living, working, owning property, or otherwise vested in Downtown is welcome to attend.

Neighborhood Boundaries

East - West Avenue

West - Mississippi River

North - La Crosse River

South - Cass Street

Executive Board Members Chair: Courtney Lokken Vice Chair: Christine Kahlow

Secretary: Vacant Treasurer: Pam Squires

Member-at-Large: Penny Fassler

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