

Call for Art Proposals 2024

Art4Trails public art installations on Rochester bike trails



Rochester Art Center is seeking proposals for three temporary outdoor, site-specific art installations at three locations along the bike trails near downtown Rochester as part of the Art4Trails program. One proposal for each site will be selected and the artist will be awarded \$3,000 per site, with \$1,500 distributed upon selection and \$1,500 after installation.

Artwork will be installed between June 1 and June 20, 2024. [Applications](#) open September 30, 2023, and close November 30, 2023 at 11:45 pm.

Rochester Park and Trail system

The Rochester trails provide a convenient way to do activities such as inline-skating, biking, running and walking – either for getting to work and back or simply for recreation and exercise. Rochester has 85+ miles of trails available for pedestrians, bikers, wheelchairs and strollers. Art4Trails site locations for temporary sculptures can be found [here](#). They are at Silver Lake Park by the old fire station, Mayo Park East by the playground, Slatterly Park by the picnic shelter and on a river landing near the waterfall sculpture at the end of 3rd St SE.

Eligibility

Artists 18 years of age or older living in Minnesota and neighboring states are invited to submit proposals individually or collaboratively. Students who do not meet the age requirement can participate by having a teacher or guardian sponsor a proposal. Priority will be given to one student/mentor application if it meets the selection criteria. Priority will also be given to artists who have never been chosen to receive an Art4Trails award before.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be judged based on artistic merit as evidence by representation of past work, the proposal itself, and other supporting materials. Priority will be given to artists who have never been chosen to receive an Art4Trails award before. A selection committee consisting of working artists, curators, arts

professionals and a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department will review and select proposals by January 1, 2024.

Projects must be in place on or before June 20, 2024.

The selection committee will consider the following criteria:

Artistic merit of the proposed work, including:

- Idea to be conveyed
- Key theme(s) engaged
- Appropriateness of media to idea
- Visual impact, including color, form and composition
- Harmony/compatibility with physical and social setting

Feasibility of the proposed work, including:

- Durability
- Public safety
- Risk assessment (risk will be assumed by the artist)
- Maintenance obligation

Ability of the artist to successfully complete the project, including:

- Training and experience
- Evidence of careful financial planning
- Technical competence

Review process

- Locations for artwork will be pre-selected and approved by the Rochester Parks and Recreation Department.
- The artwork must be of appropriate size and scale to fit in with its proposed surroundings.
- Responsibility for securing all necessary permissions and permits, fabrications, installation, maintenance, and removal of artwork is assumed by the artist.

Application Materials: Deadline November 30, 2023

Applicants must complete the [application](#) which requires the following:

Section 1 | Artist Information

- First and last name, address, city, state and contact information.
- Artist Resume/C.V. (one page maximum) in either Word or PDF format.

Section 2 | Project Proposal

- What is the idea or concept of the artwork? Describe what the project will consist of and/or look like.
- How will it be installed on location?
- What are your proposed installation and removal dates?
- Site preference (3 top choices). Locations can be found [here](#).
 - Slatterly Park, River Landing, Mayo Park or Silver Lake Fire Station
- Budget Outline: the \$3,000 award will cover artist's time and associated expenses for design and fabrication of the work. Artists should factor these costs into their budget.
 - Budget should include: rental of equipment, cost of materials, artists fees, etc.
 - Word or PDF format

Section 3 | Uploads

- Submit up to five images, sketches, models or renderings of what the project will look like, titled with the artist's last name, first name, "proposal" and image number: .

i.e. Lastname_Firstname_Proposal_01.jpg,
Lastname_Firstname_Proposal_02.jpg, etc.

- Images must be formatted digitally to the following specifications:
 - JPEG format
 - Each image less than 3 MB in size

Optional: include a separate Word or PDF document with descriptions of each piece (title, medium, size, etc.)

Submit your final application [here](#) on or before November 30, 2021, 11:45pm.

There is no fee to apply. Application and proposal materials will not be returned.

Site Information

Restrictions and considerations:

- Installations must be at least 2 feet from the trail.
- If a piece is meant to be interactive, it should be further from the trail to prevent visitors from blocking the trail.
- Artist is responsible for all maintenance and repairs if needed, e.g., vandalism.
- Art should be appropriate for its location. Site locations can be found [here](#).

Duration of Installation

Duration is dependent on the proposal with a minimum of three months and a maximum of one year. Work is to be continuously displayed during this time. Rochester Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to request that the artist remove or repair a work at any time during this period if circumstances require. At the end of the duration, the artist retains ownership of the work.

Notification

Artists will be notified about the result of their proposals via e-mail by January 1, 2024. At that time, artists selected for the temporary installations will receive \$1,500 of the award to purchase materials and work on the project. The final \$1,500 will be awarded upon installation of the art. Inquiries about status of applications will not be accepted after the November 30, 2023 application deadline.

Art Sales

The art can be for sale; however, the artwork will remain on display on the trail as per contract signing with the artist.

Unveiling Event

An unveiling event is proposed for June 2024.

For further information about the application process, please contact Kalianne Morrison: kmorrison@rochesterartcenter.org