

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

# PUBLIC ART IN MILWAUKIE'S SCOTT PARK



The City of Milwaukie is inviting artists to submit qualifications for public art in the soon-to-be-completed Scott Park, next to the Milwaukie Ledding Library.

In the heart of downtown Milwaukie, Scott Park is located next to Spring Creek Pond and within walking distance to a MAX Orange Line Main Street station. The park is also designated as a natural resource area thanks to the valuable habitat it provides for domestic and migratory waterfowl. For these reasons, Scott Park is popular spot for community events and civic activities. Approximately \$28,000 is available for public art, made possible by the city's Art in Public Places Ordinance.

**ISSUE DATE**  
**DEADLINE**  
**MORE INFO**

05.01.2024  
05.29.2024  
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CITY OF MILWAUKIE

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## ABOUT MILWAUKIE

As a smaller community in Clackamas County, but located next to Portland, Milwaukie has a unique identity that needs to be reflected in its public art. Even though the City of Milwaukie is a local government institution, its artistic style is typically anything but traditional. Over the past several years, community members have come to expect public art that is unconventional and imaginative—much more quirky than what many would expect from a government organization. Milwaukie is committed to creating an equitable and inclusive city, and is working to make sure everyone feels represented. The community celebrates art (in all its forms), as well as culture and diversity, and highly values opportunities to showcase it's identity through these means.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Several opportunities for art exist in Scott Park, including standalone pieces and integrated artwork within the overall park design. It is the city's expectation that the selected artist will work with the project team to determine the best locations for art within the park area while keeping the safety of park users in mind.

The selection committee welcomes ideas and art concepts that will work the most effectively in Scott Park, and is open to suggestions for art placement within the park area. The committee does not have specific concepts in mind.

## TO APPLY

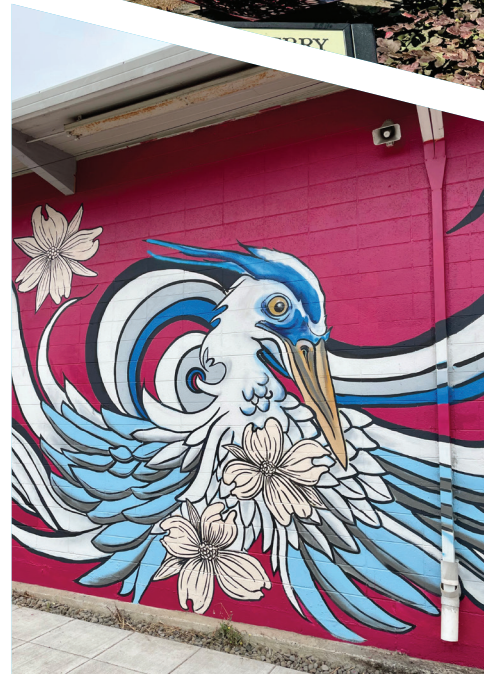
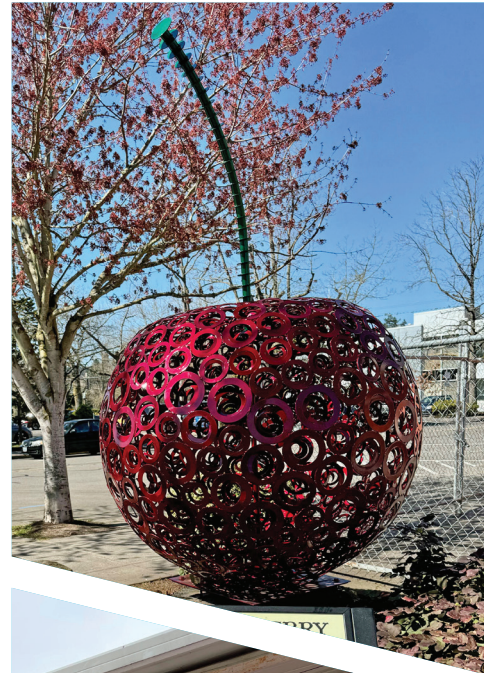
Please submit the required application materials to the contact below by **Monday, May 29, 2024 at 5 p.m.** Applications received after the deadline are not considered.

### Submit Proposals To:

Jordan Imlah, communication program manager  
imlahj@milwaukieoregon.gov

OR

Jordan Imlah  
Scott Park Art Proposal  
10501 SE Main St.  
Milwaukie, OR 97222



*Pictured above are two examples of recently commissioned public art pieces in Milwaukie. The top image is a sculpture of a Bing cherry comprised of many concentric steel spirals created by Tyler FuQua. The bottom image is a large mural on the downtown Milwaukie post office created by Kanani Miyamoto.*

## QUALIFICATION MATERIALS

In a single document, please include:

- 1-page letter of interest letter describing your
  - Primary art medium and past experience creating permanent artworks
  - Interest in this project, in particular, how your artwork could lend itself to the overall design for Scott Park
  - Interest in or connection to Milwaukie, and why you should be considered for this opportunity.
- Resume (maximum two pages)
- Up to 12 images of past work
- List of images with a 1-sentence description of the work, sizes, materials, year completed, budget and commissioning agency.

Please combine all materials in PDF format (or on a flash drive, if submitting a paper application) as one document not to exceed 10 MB.

Please note, the city is not asking for specific proposals or renderings at this time. The final art will need to be installed by Nov. 22, 2024. For more information, contact Jordan Imlah at [imlahj@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:imlahj@milwaukieoregon.gov) or 503.786.7503.

## SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee appointed for this project will review applications and select finalists for interviews. Applicants should be able to demonstrate the ability to execute permanent artworks for a public setting. The selection of finalists is based on application materials with particular attention to the letter of interest, visual materials and artist's enthusiasm for undertaking an outdoor art display in a small, vibrant park setting. Artists of all disciplines are invited to submit proposals. The artist(s) chosen for this project will be selected based on the aforementioned criteria, as well as overall experience, quality of work and vision for the final artwork.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The city reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to select one or more artist(s) for this project
- The selection panel will select a minimum of three respondents to interview. If less than three applications are received, the panel will interview each respondent.
- All information submitted by respondents to this Request for Qualifications is public record and subject to disclosure pursuant to the Oregon Public Records Act, except any portions where the respondent requests exception from disclosure consistent with Oregon Law. All requests must be in writing, noting specifically which portion requests exception from disclosure, and respondents cannot mark the entire document "confidential."
- Program Funding: The funding for this project is provided using federal dollars received by the city through the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services' Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Federal Award #SLFRP4454; CFDA #21.027).
- The selected artist (s) are expected to enter into a contract with the city. Contract terms are negotiated with the selected artist(s), including specific insurance requirements.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the parks development projects, visit [www.milwaukieoregon.gov/parksprojects](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/parksprojects).