

CALL FOR ART PROPOSALS - 5 LIBRARY DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

Funding is available to incorporate public art into five new 5,000-6,000 square-foot libraries. The new King County Library System (KCLS) Libraries will replace the Black Diamond, Carnation, Fall City, Muckleshoot, and Snoqualmie libraries. Completion of the first building is tentatively scheduled for fall of 2007. Completion of the last building is tentatively scheduled for 2008.

These five buildings are part of a Design Build Process. The art chosen will play a significant role in creating a distinctive building for each community. Established local artists are encouraged to apply.

BNBuilders is the General Contractor and construction manager for all five projects. Miller-Hull Partnership is the architectural and interiors consultant.

Artists may be engaged in the project as soon as they are selected and contracted to ensure maximum coordination. All artwork acquired through this call for art will be owned by the King County Library System and subject to the Library District's Art Policy

<https://intranet.kcls.org/committees/aoc/Art%20Policy%20December%202004.doc>

Project Opportunities:

The Art Selection Committee includes community members, the project architect and KCLS staff will select artists to work with the Design Build team and the Committee to create public art uniquely designed for the new Libraries. KCLS is looking for a wide variety of proposals covering all mediums, from painting to multimedia. The funds could be awarded to an individual artist, arts organizations, or a consortium. It could also be divided among additional artists, depending on the proposals.

Suggested locations for art may include:

- Meeting/ multipurpose room
- Children's area
- Window treatments
- Connection between exterior and interior
- Custom designed light fixtures or shades/diffusers

Project Budget:

Funds available for this project are currently between \$100,000 and \$150,000, with an expected \$20,000 to \$30,000 budget per building. The Committee hopes to attract additional funds over the next year from private donations. Funding may also be allocated to one piece, or divided among several artists or pieces.

Method of Selection and Eligibility:

The selection panel includes representatives of the King County Library System Board of Trustees, KCLS Facilities Development, Miller Hull Partnership, the Black Diamond, Carnation, Fall City, Muckleshoot and Snoqualmie communities, and KCLS staff. This is an open competition process available to all artists, with consideration given to the demonstrated ability to enter into a contractual agreement with a public entity, and to complete the agreements on schedule and within budget.

Key criteria for the selection process will include art of the highest quality; artist's qualifications and background commensurate with the scale and cost of the proposal; the maintainability of the piece or pieces and its functionality, if part of the building's structure. If intended to be installed outside, the permanence and durability of the piece will be a primary consideration. Safety of the design and installation will also be a factor.

Schedule:

- Entry submittals are due by **January 19, 2007** for initial review by the Committee in **February, 2007**.
- Additional review and screening sessions may be added, if additional submittals are received or solicited by the Committee.
- Finalists for the various projects will be asked to interview with the Committee to discuss their ideas and concepts for art.

Entry Submittal Requirements

- Resume of principal artist and other key assistants or subcontractors, including qualifications and previous experience with public art.
- A CD of up to 10 pictures of work completed within the last seven years, numbered and marked with last name. All submittals must be digital and in jpeg format. No slides will be accepted.
- A written proposal statement describing a project concept and materials, proposed budget and installation schedule.
- Two references from other similar art projects.
- A self-addressed stamped envelope to return the submittal materials.

Send Materials To

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Additional Information

Additional information regarding the KCLS Capital Bond Projects is available online at www.kcls.org/yourlibraryinvestment/