



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The GRID at BridgeValley Mural Project

The GRID at BridgeValley Community and Technical College is requesting qualifications from artists for the design and implementation of a mural on the BridgeValley campus in Montgomery, WV. This project is made possible by a community and economic development grant through the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation.

About The GRID:

The GRID is a hub for artisans where creative energy, civic spirit, and resources converge to unleash innovation, seek new enterprises, and invest in the region's people and community in downtown Montgomery. The GRID offers a membership-based makers' space where locals can affordably access our resources to technology and arts spaces (including robotics, 3D printing, woodworking, pottery, screenprinting, fine arts, sewing, and more), gathering spaces and workshops, and a public access point to high-speed internet in Montgomery and surrounding communities. Our goal at The GRID is to foster relationships with local artists and entrepreneurs who have visions of changing the future of West Virginia and improving the quality of life of people in our communities.

Project Summary:

The purpose of this mural is to illustrate The GRID's mission of driving positive change and growth for the community of Montgomery and West Virginia's future. We hope to inspire local community members and visitors by our visions of creative placemaking, entrepreneurship, innovation, and civic spirit.

Timeline:

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 23, 2019

ARTIST SELECTION FOR CONCEPT PROPOSAL: September 26, 2019

EXECUTION OF MURAL (weather pending): September 27 - November 17, 2019

We will allot up to 28 days of travel funding for the completion of the mural.

Site Information:

The mural will be painted on the front of The GRID building on BridgeValley's Montgomery campus. The GRID is located at 807 2nd Avenue, Montgomery, WV 25136.

Maintenance/Durability:

All applicants are expected to consider the issues of long-term conservation and maintenance of public art. This project is located in the public realm and will be exposed to weather and physical stresses. Artworks should be fabricated of highly durable, low-maintenance materials.

Finishing:

The area of the mural (20' x 28') will be primed by BridgeValley's operations staff before the project begins.

Once the mural is completed and approved by BridgeValley, an anti-graffiti clear-coat must be applied. This clear-coat product will be supplied to the artist.

Budget:

The artist will be paid a final stipend of \$13,500 to execute the mural, INCLUDING the cost of materials, which the artist must purchase (this does not include priming and finishing materials--The GRID will provide those).

The GRID can provide scaffolding, but if you prefer a lift, please include the rent in your materials costs.

Artist will be provided with travel and lodging if necessary, and will be provided with a per diem daily allowance for meals.

Concept:

The mural concept is up to the artist's interpretation, but it must embody the spirit of forward-thinking innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship, as stated in the project summary.

Size:

Mural should be approximately 20 x 28 feet (5 x 7 dimensions). See following page for photo of the space with mockup.

Submission Requirements:

1. A full-color proposed concept rendering (must be 5 x 7 ratio)
2. 5-10 visual representations of past artwork that demonstrate qualifications in executing projects of similar scope.
3. A current CV or resume including relevant work experience
4. We will accept pair or team submissions, as long as work samples and CVs are submitted by all participating artists

Submissions must be sent as high-quality JPEGs via email ONLY. Physical submissions of artwork will not be accepted. See below for more details.

Eligibility:

Candidates who are 18 or older and are eligible to work in the United States may apply. Candidates are eligible regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identification, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical ability. You do not need to be a resident of West Virginia to make a submission.

Submissions may be emailed to:

Cynthia McComas, GRID Manager
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With questions, please call Cynthia at 304-734-6701 or 907-203-1824.



