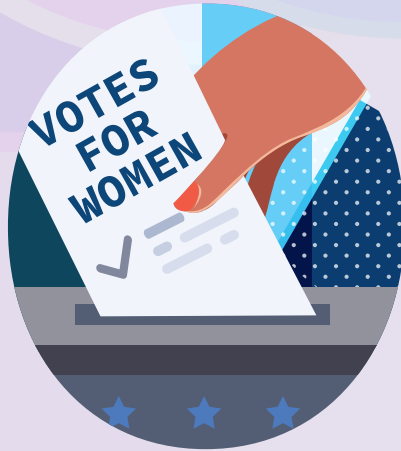


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YEARS

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE

CIVIC ART DIVISION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

The LA County Department of Arts and Culture seeks artists for a poster and library card artwork competition to commemorate the passing of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

AWARDS:

Maximum of five prizes at \$4,000 each

FEE:

No entry fee

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:

February 17, 2020

The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) is inviting emerging and established professional artists residing or working in LA County to respond to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

This RFQ will award a maximum of five artists to create original artworks that will be reproduced into posters and library cards.

OVERVIEW

Join LA County in celebrating 100 years of passion, purpose and progress as we look to the past and craft the future. On August 6, 2019, the LA County Board of Supervisors introduced a motion directing the Women and Girls Initiative to collaborate with Arts and Culture to commission artists to create commemorative artworks for the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

Arts and Culture is proud to hereby invite its creative community to reflect on the centennial, celebrate the achievements of the suffragists, and place the movement in a larger historical context. We welcome LA-based artists to submit their qualifications, including a letter of interest, resume, images and annotated image list, to be considered for the final award. Final awards will be offered to a maximum of five artists to create two original artworks commemorating the centennial.

PROJECT GOALS

Selected artists will each create two original artworks reflecting a diversity of women and perspectives, and celebrating themes such as women in leadership, advocacy, elections and voting. Artworks should reflect aesthetic and technical quality, innovation and civic engagement.

The original artworks shall be graphic design, photography, painting or other two-dimensional, flat surfaced works. They will be accessioned into the County's Civic Art Collection, framed and installed in the LA County Board of Supervisors and Arts and Culture offices. The original artworks will be documented by Arts and Culture in the highest resolution and fabricated into 18"x24" posters for distribution throughout all 34 LA County departments and duplicated into a limited run of LA County Library cards.

SCHEDULE

Issuance of Request for Qualifications Final	Jan 27, 2020
Date to Submit Additional Questions	Feb 7, 2020, 5:00pm PST
Response to Additional Questions Posted	Feb 12, 2020
Submittals Due	Feb 17, 2020, 5:00pm PST
Jury Deliberations	Week of Feb 24, 2020
Finalists Announced	Week of Mar 2, 2020

ELIGIBILITY

This RFQ is open to emerging and established professional artists who reside, work, study, or teach in LA County. Artists who have previous artwork in the County's Civic Art Collection will be eligible if this project has a higher budget than their previously commissioned project, or if the Artist has not completed a Civic Art project with Arts and Culture for five years.

AWARDS

Selected artists will be awarded a contract of \$4,000 to create two original artworks.

SELECTION PROCESS

Artists must submit a complete application to Arts and Culture. A jury of arts professionals and LA County stakeholders will deliberate proposal materials anonymously and select up to five final artists. Artists will be selected based on the quality of their work and their ability to demonstrate applicability to and potential impact on the above stated project goals.

TO RESPOND

All submittal materials must be received by **February 17, 2020, 5 pm PST**. Any materials received after that date and time will not be accepted or considered.

Submittal materials must include the following components in the below mentioned order:

1. Resume including name, mailing address, phone number(s), email, web page (if applicable) and bio. Resume should not exceed three pages.
2. A maximum one-page letter of interest addressing your artistic practice, sources of inspiration, why this project interests you and how you plan to celebrate women's empowerment and equity in the final artworks.
3. Up to five images of your relevant work.
4. An annotated image list that indicates title, date, medium, dimensions and brief project description of the maximum five images submitted (maximum 100 characters).

Please submit additional questions about the competition to the Civic Art Project Manager Marah Morris at (213) 202-5923 or MMorris@arts.lacounty.gov before **February 7, 2020, 5 pm PST**.

Responses to additional questions will be posted on lacounty.gov on **February 12, 2020**.

The required method for submitting materials for this RFQ is through wetransfer.com.

Wetransfer Instructions:

1. Resume, letter of interest and annotated image list must be saved as a pdf document.
2. Images must be saved as a single pdf or Powerpoint document. Individual images that are not compiled into a single pdf or Powerpoint document will not be accepted and your application will be considered incomplete.
3. Save your application materials in a single folder. Name your folder using the following naming convention: "FirstInitialLastName-Application" (example: JJones-Application). If you are applying as a collective, use your collective's name instead of FirstInitialLastName (example: JonesStudio-Application).
4. Submit your application file or folder through Wetransfer.com to MMorris@arts.lacounty.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions about this RFQ, please contact Marah Morris, Civic Art Project Manager, at (213) 202-5923 or MMorris@arts.lacounty.gov. For further information about Civic Art, please visit the Civic Art page at lacountyarts.org/experiences/civic-art

- *Do not send original artwork.*
- *Late applications will not be considered.*
- *If artists are applying as a team, the team must be declared at the time of application in the letter of interest. Include team bio, outline for the roles and responsibilities of each member, and brief resumes for all team members with the application. Please submit a minimum of 5 images per team (not per artist).*
- *Arts and Culture reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received, or commission an artist through another process.*
- *All artists who submit their materials for review will receive written notification of the results of the selection process, including identification of the selected artist(s).*
- *This request for qualifications does not constitute an offer to contract or a promise for remuneration, recognition, or any other thing. Submission of any materials in response to this request for qualifications will not constitute an express or implied contract. The information contained and/or any program or event described herein may be changed, amended, modified, canceled, revoked or abandoned without notice at any time and for any reason in the sole discretion of Arts and Culture or the County of Los Angeles.*
- *Artists will not be eligible for more than two County projects at any given time.*
- *Priority will be given to artists who have had no prior commission of the same or higher budget with Civic Art.*
- *If artist proposal is selected, the artist will be required to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles. Because the artwork will be located on public property, and because the County of Los Angeles is a public entity subject to laws, rules, and regulations which are not necessarily applicable to private persons or companies, the Department of Arts and Culture has prepared a form agreement for use in connection with artwork commissioned for Civic Art. **A copy of a sample form agreement can be found on the Arts and Culture website, lacountyarts.org/opportunities. If an artist is selected, the artist acknowledges that they are willing and able to enter into a similar contract as the sample form agreement made available on the Arts and Culture website.** Arts and Culture reserves the right to revise or change its form agreement at any time, for any reason, and to require artists to use the revised form for contracting purposes.*
- *Selected artists will be required to have commercial general liability insurance, automobile insurance and be a registered vendor with the County of Los Angeles*

ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS

LA County Women and Girls Initiative

lacounty.gov/wgi/

The mission of the Women and Girls Initiative is to establish Los Angeles County as a leader in creating opportunities and improving outcomes for all women and girls. Please check their webpage for additional resources that can guide and inform proposed artworks and imagery.

Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture

lacountyarts.org/

The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture advances arts, culture and creativity throughout Los Angeles County, framed by the vision and guiding principles of the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative. The Civic Art Division provides leadership in the development of high-quality civic spaces by integrating artists into the planning and design process at the earliest possible opportunity, encouraging innovative approaches to civic art, and providing access to artistic experiences of the highest caliber for the residents of Los Angeles County. Working with leading artists, emerging public artists, County departments and communities, the Civic Art Division creates artwork, design, public engagement activities, exhibitions, temporary art and event-based programming for new and renovated facilities throughout Los Angeles County.

