



Illinois Capital Development Board  
Art-in-Architecture Program

# Request for Qualifications ARTWORK PURCHASES

for  
*Chicago Veterans' Home, Phase 2*  
*4250 N. Oak Park Ave .*  
*Chicago, Illinois*  
*Project Number: 040-080-001*

## CALL TO ARTISTS

The Art-in-Architecture Program of the Capital Development Board is pleased to announce a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Illinois artists for the *purchase* of permanent original art for the Chicago Veterans Home in Chicago, Illinois.

The submission instructions for this RFQ are for *purchase* and not commission. PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 4 THOROUGHLY.

**Final Deadline:** Friday, May 28, 2021  
4:30 P.M.  
E-MAIL SUBMITTALS ARE REQUIRED.

## ELIGIBILITY

These purchases are open to all professional artists, artisans, or artist-led teams *that live and work in the state of Illinois*.

- An artist/artisan is defined as a skilled practitioner that generates designs and concepts for creative works that reflect form, beauty, and aesthetic perception. All artists on a team must live and work in Illinois.
- Subcontractors may be used and are defined as those providing technical implementation such as construction, fabrication, and/or assembly for portions or all of a finished product under direct supervision and control of an artist.
- Staff of Illinois Veterans Home are not eligible to apply for this project.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Unlike nursing homes in the past, the Chicago Veterans Home was planned and constructed using the Community Living Center model and resembles home as much as possible. Its mission is to restore each Veteran to his or her highest level of well-being and prevent declines in health.

This 200-bed, skilled-care residential facility consists of 12 clusters of 13 residents, known as “households” and four memory support households of 11 residents for a total of 16 households.

The majority of residents will be geriatric veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in their 70s, 80s, and 90s requiring long-term skilled care.

You can take a tour of the Chicago Veterans Home [here](#).

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## PROJECT SITE/ARTISTIC OBJECTIVES

The Committee is seeking to purchase interior artwork to be placed in focal areas in the public places throughout the facility. Final location of the artwork will be decided by Veterans Home staff. Veterans Home staff will also hang the pieces.

Type of media for this project is open and includes two-dimensional media such as painting, drawing, photography, textiles, and small-scale three-dimensional pieces suitable for hanging.

The artwork must speak to the Veterans Home residents, their families, and visitors and all types of two-dimensional artwork is welcome. Themes of special interest are

- nature,
- Chicago and Chicagoland,
- military service, and
- home.

**The work must be framed and ready to hang on a wall.**

## BUDGET DETAILS

The budget for the project is \$36,000 and will be used to purchase two-dimensional artwork from artists in a variety of media and themes.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The committee will select artwork for purchase from the materials submitted by the artist.

The committee reserves the right to ask artists for information about the availability of additional work for sale. All artwork submitted must be original and available for purchase. The work must be framed and ready to hang on a wall.

## LEGAL AGREEMENT

The Capital Development Board Art-in-Architecture Program reserves the right to alter any aspect of the selection process or overall project in any way for its own convenience at any time. This Request for Qualifications does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract and these provisions are subject to change.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please e-mail a full package including each of the following *labeled with the artist's name as well as the project name and number*.

- *Résumé* (if a team, one for each member) with current contact information, including:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone
  - Fax
  - E-mail
  - Website
- *Artist Statement/Letter of Intent* (1 page maximum, double spaced)
  - If the submission is on behalf of a team, please identify the lead artist and indicate if the individuals have previously collaborated and the nature of the collaboration.
  - If the artist or artist team has worked with not-for-profit organizations, local governments, state agencies, or other similar and relevant groups, please describe the project.
- *Up to 15 JPEG images of **artwork for sale***. Please provide the images in the following format:
  - One image per JPEG
  - Pixel dimensions per image: approximately 600 x 800
  - Image resolution: 72-300 pixels per inch
  - Maximum file size per image: 1MB
  - Name each image: lastnamefirstnameimagenumber.jpg, for example: mirojoan01, mirojoan02, mirojoan03, etc.
- *A Numbered, Annotated Image List* with title, media, dimensions, location, brief description, date of the work, and **price including shipping/transportation to Chicago**.
- When submitting by e-mail, please send images as attachments and not in the body of the e-mail.
- *Optional* One PDF file of additional support material, including press clippings or other relevant information on past projects (maximum 1MB file.)
- *Digital Submittals*
  - *Email submittals are required.*
  - Ensure the images are sent as attachments and are not embedded within the email.
  - Large files may be sent using file sharing services. such as the state [of Illinois FTP site](#), Dropbox, and Microsoft OneDrive
- ***PowerPoint presentations are not accepted.***

Please Note:

- Send art images as JPEG files ONLY. Slides will not be accepted nor returned.

- **Do not send design proposals.**
- All submittals become property of the Capital Development Board Art-in-Architecture Program and will not be returned. Submissions can be made available for public viewing. The artist retains copyright.

## HOW AND WHERE TO SUBMIT

Interested artists must send application materials no later than **Friday, May 28, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.** Submissions received after this date will be kept for review for other Art-in-Architecture projects.

Application materials must be delivered to:

E-mail to [CDB.ArtinArchitecture@illinois.gov](mailto:CDB.ArtinArchitecture@illinois.gov)

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Art-in-Architecture Program at [CDB.ArtinArchitecture@illinois.gov](mailto:CDB.ArtinArchitecture@illinois.gov)

The Art-in-Architecture Procedure Manual, commission opportunities, and other information is posted at [www.illinois.gov/cdb/professionalgrowth/art](http://www.illinois.gov/cdb/professionalgrowth/art).

## ABOUT THE ART-IN-ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

The Illinois Art-in-Architecture Program promotes and preserves Illinois art and enriches communities by commissioning original artwork for public buildings constructed with State funds.

The enabling legislation for the Program requires that the Capital Development Board “shall set aside 1/2 of 1 percent of the amount authorized and appropriated for construction or reconstruction of each public building financed in whole or in part by State funds and generally accessible to and used by the public for purchase and placement of suitable works of art in such public buildings.” A committee including art professionals and the project architect, and oversees each project and selects the artwork.

Since its inception in 1977, the Art-in-Architecture Program has purchased or commissioned works of art by Illinois artists for public display throughout Illinois. For more information visit the [AIA Program website](#).