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(potential location of mural)


(potential location of park sign)

Request for Qualifications

Mesquite Groves Park

Deadline – Monday, February 1st, at noon Mountain Standard Time

Description

The City of Chandler is seeking Arizona-based artists to create two artworks that will be installed at the Mesquite Groves Park in southeast Chandler: a two-dimensional mural and a three-dimensional park sign. The park is inspired by the intersection of the Sonoran Desert and the region's thriving technology industry. This opportunity invites artists to explore the relationship between the natural environment, innovation, and the community through their creative practice.

The mural will be in the park's playground area and has a project budget up to **$20,000**. The three-dimensional park sign will serve as a prominent visual landmark near the park's water feature, creating a memorable marker of place and a distinctive photo opportunity. The park sign has a project budget of **$100,000**.

The art budget will cover all aspects of the projects including but not limited to: design, fabrication, project management, transportation, installation, and insurance. All designs are subject to approval by city staff.

About Mesquite Groves Park

In 2000, the City of Chandler purchased 100 acres of land for park development. In 2008, the Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center was built on approximately 10 acres of the park site. As the population in this area has grown, the city recognized the need for additional

recreational facilities to serve residents in the area. The development of Mesquite Groves Park is listed as a high priority in the Parks Strategic Master Plan in 2021 and was one of the most requested items in a resident survey.

Mesquite Groves Park will be located near the northwest corner of Val Vista Drive and Riggs Road, adjacent to Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center.

This is a request for qualifications, not a request for proposals. We are only requiring examples of past work. The selected finalists will meet with stakeholders, be given additional information, and be paid a stipend to submit a final design.

Qualification submissions are due by noon on February 1, and can be submitted digitally via the webform found here: https://forms.gle/KzYB1tYWjZ67RwnR9

Submission Criteria – All entries must include:

1. Current contact information, including email and phone number
2. Digital Images: Up to 5 images can be submitted per artist or team of past completed projects. All images should be 1500 – 2000 pixels in the longest direction.

   In one document:
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae (CV) including artist(s) accomplishments. Resume or CV should not exceed 2 pages per artist team member. If a resume is not available or does not accurately represent your qualifications, please submit a list of your artistic accomplishments. Please note, no previous public art experience is required to participate in this opportunity.
4. Optional - an introduction not to exceed 500 words explaining your previous completed projects (if applicable) and any inspirations you will draw on for this project.
5. A corresponding image list with all pertinent information is also required. Image list should include size, date completed, and materials used.

Selection Process and Schedule

All artist submissions will be reviewed by the City of Chandler Arts Commission. All entries must be submitted by noon on February 1. The City anticipates selecting one artist/artist team for each artwork in this project. The projected timeline for this RFQ is as follows:

February 1	**Submission deadline**
March	**All artists notified of status**
April	**Finalist designs submitted**
Spring 2027	**Design selected and refined**
[TBD]	**Building construction begins**
Fall 2028	**Artworks installed, celebratory event**

Submission Delivery Details
Submissions must be received by noon on February 1. Submissions must be sent digitally via the webform found here: https://forms.gle/KzYB1tYWjZ67RwnR9

Any incomplete submissions and/or AI generated imagery will be rejected.

Contact: Jillian Nakornthap at 480-782-2882 or jillian.nakornthap@chandleraz.gov. Interested, but need more information? Does this sound daunting? Peter, Jillian, or Hanley are happy to answer any questions you have, go over your submission info with you, and provide feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out.