



COLUMBIA HILLMAN

ARTS & CULTURAL

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Call for Proposals: Southeast Seattle Arts Revitalization Project Grants

Overview

Columbia Hillman Arts & Cultural District is offering grants for up to \$5,000 to artists and creatives for *Arts Revitalization Projects*. The goal of these artist-led projects is to reactivate our business cores, beautify our neighborhoods, and put artists to work. Individual artists and arts & cultural organizations that live, work or play in Southeast Seattle can submit proposals.

We want our neighborhoods to reflect your ideas and aspirations, so we are handing the reins to local artists to create community-based art projects! This is an incredible opportunity for artists to develop projects and events that reflect our unique cultural community. Collaborative projects are encouraged. We are seeking proposals for hyperlocal projects in three areas:

Public Art: Painters, sculptors, and graphic artists can propose murals, installations, or façade improvements for Columbia and Hillman Cities. We are particularly interested in projects that will activate the alleys, parking lots, and side streets in the Hillman City business district.

Music: The District will continue to sponsor neighborhood events produced by local nonprofits, and hopes to foster the development of new grassroots outdoor events, festivals, or public performances.

Makers: Projects could include artist studio tours, makers markets, artist-led community events, exhibits, or other projects that give visual artists access to new customers or provide direct financial benefit.

Note: These grants are intended to spark small projects. The district will also consider **Event Sponsorship** for community events. If you are seeking sponsorship, please email your sponsorship packet to columbiahillmanarts@gmail.com; put "Sponsorship Request" in the subject line. Sponsorships requests will be reviewed monthly.

Guidelines

The maximum award per project is \$5,000. In an effort to support as many projects as possible, projects with smaller budgets will have the best chance for funding. Proposals will be reviewed quarterly by the District Steering Community and local artists.

All projects must be completed by October 1, 2023.

Temporary and permanent public artwork must be accessible and appropriate for the community. All projects must be located in and provide benefit for this community.

Projects will be selected based on the following criteria: artistic merit, benefit to the community, number of artists involved/served, and project viability. Proposals led by or that support local, BIPOC, and underserved artists will be prioritized. The awards will be balanced between public, performing, and visual arts projects, and among the two neighborhoods.

To apply

Email your proposal in a single PDF to columbiahillmanarts@gmail.com; put "Project Proposal" in the subject line. Your submission should include the following:

- **A project description** (up to 2 pages). At the top of this document, please list the Project Name, Applicant name(s), Phone number, Email, and Amount requested. Describe your project in as much detail as possible and tell us why the project is important for this community. You may include design concepts or rough sketches, but it is not required. If your project is site specific, include maps and/or photos of the area. If you have partners and/or collaborators, tell us about them.
- **A project budget and timeline.** The budget should include artist fees, materials and supplies, fabrication/installation and/or production costs, and applicable permits or fees. We encourage all proposals to include stipends for project coordination. If your project budget exceeds \$5,000, describe how you will raise the rest of the money. Projects must be completed by October 1, 2023.
- **A current bio, resume or artist CV.** If submitting as a team, please include materials for each individual.
- For arts projects, you may also include **up to 10 images** of relevant work samples. Artists are encouraged to include a brief description of each image.

Questions? Email columbiahillmanarts@gmail.com

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