Request for Proposals
Public Art at the Brainerd Public Library

Proposals are requested from artists for a site-specific commission for Kinetic/wind sculpture(s) for the Brainerd Public Library in Brainerd, Minnesota. The public art project is open to all artists living in Minnesota, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation and/or disability in employment or in the provision of services.

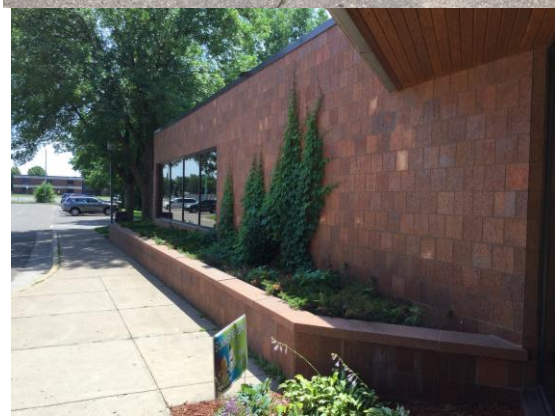
The Brainerd Public Library in collaboration with funding from the Five Wings Art Council, the Arts and Legacy Amendment's Cultural Heritage Fund, and the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library will award up to $7,000 to an artist or artists in a contract for the design, fabrication, installation, and other associated costs of the project described below.

Library Location Specifics:

The committee would like to consider placing the art installation(s) in the east facing planter box closest to the entrance and/or in the island in the parking lot as circled in yellow above.

The design should appeal to the general public and flow with the library's current architecture. Material used to create the art must meet commercial standards.

The scope of the work: To design and create kinetic/wind art installation(s) that will be placed in the Brainerd Public Library's east facing planter box closest to the entrance and/or the southernmost parking lot island as indicated in the pictures to the right. Multiple mediums can be explored.



Planter box: The planter box is approximately 39 inches wide by 40 feet long. Please note that library is considering replacing the current plants in the planter.

Parking lot island: The island is approximately 29 feet by 19 feet. There is a rounded edge and a parking lot light on the island that will need to remain in place. The light is placed approximately 6 feet and 9 feet from the corner of the island. The art installation should be set back at least 2 feet from the curb.

Community Background: The Brainerd Public Library's fundamental mission is to connect people to knowledge and education; to be a space where the right conditions lead to creative thought and new ideas. The library provides information for all types of learners through information resources, community artist exhibits, performances, hands-on workshops, interactive children's early literacy areas, outdoor musical instruments and more.

The Brainerd Public Library is the largest library in the Kitchigami Regional Library system. The Brainerd/Baxter community is a growing and active commercial base, with significant retail along the Washington Street and State Highway 371 corridors. With the Mississippi River running right through the center of town, Brainerd has a rich history involving the railroad, logging and paper milling. Many recreational opportunities exist here, with hundreds of nearby lakes, the Northland Arboretum, the trailhead for the 100-mile Paul Bunyan State Trail and much more.

Selection: The selection criteria used by the committee will include the responsiveness of the applicant's work to site-specific conditions and the potential of the work to enhance and expand the public's experience of the library. Consideration is also given to accessibility, durability, maintenance requirements, permanence of materials, protection against vandalism, public safety and timelessness of the artwork.

The Committee will review the proposals and choose the top three proposals to be considered by the City of Brainerd's Building Official and reviewed by Library Administration. If the proposals align with building needs the library will ask the public to vote on the top three to choose the winner. The library will provide voting ballots at the library and through social media. Promotion will be done through all local media outlets and will last for three weeks. Once a winner has been determined the library administration will negotiate a contract with the artist(s) to complete the art project. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all applications and proposals.

The Art Selection Committee:
Consists of Friends of the Brainerd Public Library members, a Brainerd Public Library Board member, community artists, and Brainerd Public Library staff members.

Timeline: Artist responses are to be submitted by **Friday, December 7, 2018**. The work is to be completed six months after the selection has been made and the contract has been signed or a date agreed upon when the contract is negotiated (see "selection"). Because the library will continue to be open during its regular hours of operation, the area must be kept neat and safe at all times. All applicants will be notified by January 1, 2019.

Installation: Cost of installation of the public art will need to be included in the proposal budget.

To Respond: To be considered for the Brainerd Public Library artwork to be installed outside of the library, submit the following application.

1. A proposal which shows your concept or approach to designing art for the library. This may be narrative description, sketches, digital files and/or diagrams. Please indicate proposed location, scale, and types of materials and colors. Include your name and contact information on each sheet.
2. Current professional resume, maximum two pages.
3. Up to six digital representations of representative samples of your work related, if possible, to your proposal. Be sure to include your name and contact information on your images. If applying as a team, submit no more than four digital representations per team member, and clearly indicate on all materials that it is a team application. Digital content should be in universal format (i.e. PDF, JPG)
4. Suitable stamped self-addressed envelope for return of materials you would like returned to you.
5. Mail to: Brainerd Public Library, Attn: Jolene Bradley, 416 5th St S, Brainerd, MN 56401 or email: bradleyj@krls.org
6. Postmark applications no later than **Friday, December 7, 2018**.

FOR INFORMATION:
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