

Call to Artists – Town of Miami Lakes Youth Center

Project: Town of Miami Lakes Youth Center Public Art Project

Budget: \$11,900

Location: 6075 Miami Lakes Drive East, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Deadline: Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Eligibility: Open Call to all professional artists residing in Miami-Dade County. Town of Miami Lakes resident artists are encouraged to apply. *Applications from architects, landscape architects or other design professionals will not be considered unless included as part of a professional artist-led team.*

The Town of Miami Lakes requests qualifications from professional artists to design an interior art piece that artistically enhances the existing architecture and complements the use and vision of the Youth Center, nicknamed “The Spot.”

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Town of Miami Lakes Youth Center

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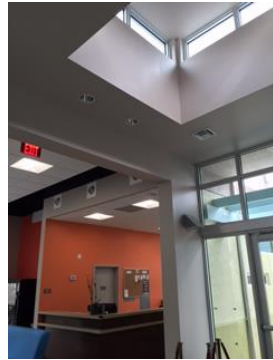
The Miami Lakes Youth Center, completed in November 2015, was designed to provide a fun, safe, and positive environment for the Miami Lakes area youth. The 3,750 square foot facility features a lobby area, a study room, a game room, an outdoor patio, a breezeway entrance area, and windows to allow for plenty of light. The color pallet of the building is intended to create a fun, positive, vibrant, energetic, and modern feel. Pictures of the Youth Center are shown below. The facility houses a variety of quality innovative programs in areas such as arts, culture, education,



health and wellness, recreation, socialization, and skill development and includes afterschool programming, summer camp programming as well as open hang and theme nights. A Youth Council, comprised of middle and high school students, provides input on programming, themes and workshops offered at the Youth Center. The purpose of these programs is to encourage the development of strong character including values, volunteerism, citizenship, and leadership. The building is located within a

park that includes a playground, pavilion areas for rent, and a ½ court basketball court.





Opportunity for Public Art

Interior Artwork in the Breezeway Entrance of the Building

The Town of Miami Lakes seeks to commission a professional artist to design interior art located in the atrium of the interior breezeway entrance of the building that artistically enhances the existing architecture of the Youth Center and complements the use and vision of the Youth Center. The artwork should be a fun, exciting, energetic piece that provides a visual focal point for visitors entering the youth center. The artwork should add visual character to the interior of the building, should incorporate the Town's theme of "Growing Beautifully," and may incorporate hanging or lighting features. The location of the proposed artwork is shown to the left. Attached is a site plan.

The artist is responsible for fully developing an artwork within the allocated budget which must be inclusive of design, engineering, fabrication, installation, and any other cost associated with the implementation of the art project.

Estimated Project Schedule

Application Deadline:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 (midnight)
Initial PAC Meeting	August 24 th – 25 th , 2016 (1 day)
Shortlisted artists notified/design proposal begins	August 29 th – September 2 nd , 2016
Artists Orientation Meeting	September 6 th – 9 th , 2016 (1 day)
Finalist Interviews, Proposals and Recommendations	October 17 th – 21 st , 2016 (1 day)
Approval of Town of Miami Lakes	November 2016
Selected Artist Begins Full Design Development	November 2016
Selected Artist 100% Design	Beginning of January 2017
Selected Artist Fabrication Substantially Complete	2 nd Week of February 2017
Selected Artist Installation Begins	Beginning of March 2017
Selected Artist Completion of Project	End of March 2017

Please note, this is a time-sensitive project, and therefore, it is critical for artists applying to this Call to have the ability to adhere to this very tight schedule. Anyone applying to the Call will be expected to comply with advertised deadlines.

Professional visual artists that demonstrate innovative, contemporary and creative approaches in addressing permanent, site specific works are encouraged to apply. Town of Miami Lakes resident artists are encouraged to apply. *Town of Miami Lakes Employees, as well as selection panelists and panelists' immediate family members, are excluded from participation in this public art project.*

ABOUT THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

The Town of Miami Lakes incorporated in December 2000 and became the 31st municipality in Miami-Dade County. Known as one of the youngest cities in Miami-Dade County, Miami Lakes is home to over 29,000 residents and is 6.5 square miles. The Town of Miami Lakes is known as a vibrant and beautiful town with a "Growing Beautifully" theme consisting of parks, tree-lined streets and a hometown atmosphere. True to its name, there are 23 lakes nestled within neighborhoods in the Town. There are numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with over 100 neighborhood parks situated within walking distance of every neighborhood. The mission of the Town of Miami Lakes is to be the model of a friendly, open, innovative, effective, and efficient

government for its residents and businesses. The Town of Miami Lakes was named a Playful City USA for 8 years in a row, a Tree City USA for 9 years in a row, a 2010 and 2013 All-America City Finalist, and one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People in 2012. The Town offers over 40 recreational and community programs for the youth and the Town's Youth Activities Task Force Committee offers over 15 youth-oriented events and various community service activities for the youth throughout the year. The Committee consists of adult and youth volunteers that meet once a month to plan the youth-oriented events and explore the development of positive activities for the Town's youth.

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Process It is anticipated that a small member group of arts professionals drawn from a Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened by the Town of Miami Lakes will identify a small number of finalists who will be paid a \$500.⁰⁰ honorarium to develop specific proposals prior to final selection. The primary criteria for finalist selection will be previous artistic accomplishment as demonstrated in images of previously completed artwork, public art experience, and/or initial approach to the project as demonstrated in the preliminary statement. If appropriate, the PAC reserves the right to recommend artists directly from initially submitted applications.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK

Application Deadline Submissions must be received as a complete application in CaFÉ™ by no later than Tuesday, August 23, 2016, midnight.

Submission Process All materials will be submitted online, via CaFÉ™. There is NO application fee to apply or to use the CaFÉ™ online application system. To view the application, go to www.callforentry.org, register a username and password, navigate to "Apply to Calls," and search for "Miami-Dade Art in Public Places." All submissions must be received as a complete application in CaFÉ™.

Assistance in using the CaFÉ™ system is available during regular business hours via email at café@westaf.org

ELIGIBILITY

The project is open to experienced professional visual artists residing in Miami-Dade County. Town of Miami Lakes resident artists are encouraged to apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information on this project, or for a copy of this notice in an alternate format, contact Katya Lysak, Town of Miami Lakes Leisure Services Manager, at 305-698-9308, or lysakk@miamilakes-fl.gov.