

Artist Facilitator Opportunity

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The consultants leading a Public Art Master Plan for the City of Concord are looking for a local artist/cultural producer to join their team as an Artist Facilitator.

The Artist Facilitator will play a key collaborative role in this planning process. By artist, we mean anyone who creates works of *art* in any medium, including but not limited to painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, dance, music or performance. By cultural producers, we mean individuals who do not have a dedicated artistic or art-making practice but who develop cultural and creative events for their communities.

The Artist Facilitator will work with Concord's public art consultants to facilitate community outreach activities planned in conjunction with its planning process. The Artist Facilitator will work directly with the consultant team, the Concord Public Art Advisory Committee and City staff in the development of Program and policy recommendations that provide for future public art projects and public art program implementation.

Initial planning for this project has identified the following strategic tasks for the Artist Facilitator:

- Co-produce a project/interactive art experience that will supplement our public participation process. The larger process will include advisory committee meetings, community forums, focus groups and a survey
 - The project should include a component that is part of a larger, "community convening" on public art.
 - The project should include a mechanism for collecting input from participants, as well as information about their demographic background, to the extent possible.
- Help the consulting team identify and connect with stakeholders in the artistic community and the community at large.
- Collaborate with the planning team to understand the learnings from the project / interactive art experience.
- Work closely and collaboratively with consultant team, Concord Public Art Advisory Committee, and City staff.

History

In 2021 the City of Concord and the Concord Public Art Advisory Committee, a body appointed by Concord City Council, issued an RFQ for professional consultants with demonstrated experience for creating Concord's visionary and comprehensive public art master plan. The public art plan is anticipated to include, but is not solely limited to, potential locations for

artwork, recommended structures for public art programs, ordinance amendments to encourage or require public art, public/private partnerships, methods of public engagement, etc. A consultant team lead by Todd Bressi was selected in December 2021, to lead the planning effort.

Artist Fee

A budget of \$4,500 has been established to provide funding to the designated Artist Facilitator. This budget will include all artist fees and expenses, including any materials necessary for the project.

Desired Qualifications

The ideal person for this role, which may be a team or collective, will

- Have experience conducting community engagement or leading stakeholder meetings.
- Be an active and engaged member of the local artist community with an intimate understanding of the arts and cultural community of Concord, as well as the community at large
- Have the ability to provide insight into connecting this project with communities that might be otherwise difficult to connect with through typical community outreach activities.
- Have great oral communication skills
- Have skills in leadership, community organizing centered in a sustained creative/cultural practice.
- Have near-term ability to work on this project, roughly from April through June 2022.
- Have a residence or work-space in Concord.

To Apply

Please email amina@amewafineart.com and send a resume, website, or social media link that might help us get to know you.

The planning team will acknowledge all inquiries, review applications, and arrange for interviews with applicants of interest. The planning team will be in Concord on February 23 and 24 and will organize some interviews during those times; other interviews can be conducted by telephone or video conferencing.

We encourage early application as we expect to have an artist under contract in the first half of March.