



**CALL FOR ARTISTS:
LAKE DALWIGK PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
ART INSTALLATION**

September 2023

Introduction:

The City of Vallejo in partnership with The Great Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) and the Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District (VFWD) are thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for artists to contribute to the vibrant environmental and cultural landscape of our community. Lake Dalwigk Park Improvements project is seeking qualifications for an engaging and captivating art installation that will enhance the park's beauty and inspire visitors. This call for artists invites creative individuals and teams to submit their qualifications for a significant art component that will become a cherished part of our public park for years to come.

Project Overview:

The park improvements project aims to create a welcoming and inclusive space for residents and visitors alike. The art installation will serve as a focal point within the park, capturing the essence of our community's spirit, culture, and natural surroundings. It should encourage contemplation and delight while complementing the park's proposed architectural design. The art component will be comprised of three (3) art elements:

- **Art Item 01** is limited to only the barrier and handrails of an existing small pedestrian bridge located within the park. The intent for this art piece is that a handrail and boundary will be designed to meet all ADA requirements. The art component will be adhered to the bridge railing via welded joints or via mechanical fasteners.
- **Art Item 02** is limited to the design of two (2) monument sign components to serve as an identification for the park.
- **Art Item 03** is limited to a ground mural art for a linear path area of approximately 2,000 square feet of approximately 15-feet in width.

The Project Team may elect one (1) artist to perform all three art items, or two (2) artists to perform a combination of art items.

Eligibility:

This call for artists is open to both emerging and established artists from all backgrounds and disciplines. We encourage artists with experience in large-scale installations, public art projects, and community engagement to apply. Collaborative qualifications are also welcome.

Scope of the Art Installation:

The selected art installation should meet the following criteria:

- **Durability:** The artwork should be able to withstand various weather conditions and require minimal maintenance over time.
- **Safety:** The installation should be safe for park visitors of all ages, adhering to relevant safety regulations and guidelines.
- **Engaging:** The artwork should invite park visitors to interact, explore, and connect with the piece and its surroundings.
- **Integration:** The installation should harmonize with the park's landscape, architecture, and the overall vision of the project.
- **Accessibility:** The artwork should be inclusive and accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- **Sustainability:** Qualifications should demonstrate environmentally friendly practices and materials where possible.

Submission Guidelines:

To be considered for this project, interested artists must submit the following:

- **Artist Statement:** A brief overview of your artistic practice, your creative approach, and any relevant experience with public art projects (maximum 300 words).
- **Qualifications:** A detailed description of your proposed art installation approach, including preliminary conceptual approaches, materials, dimensions, and any interactive or experiential aspects (maximum 500 words) that you would envision be a part of the art component.
- **Visual Representation:** High-quality images, sketches, or digital renderings of the past work and any preliminary qualifications, demonstrating its visual impact and integration within the park.
- **Budget:** A comprehensive budget outline, including all anticipated costs for the creation, installation, and ongoing maintenance of the artwork.
- **Timeline:** An estimated timeline for the completion of the project, including key milestones and anticipated installation date.
- **Artist Biography:** A concise biography highlighting your artistic achievements, relevant exhibitions, commissions, or awards (maximum 200 words).
- **References:** Contact information for two professional references who can speak to your experience and ability to execute large-scale projects.

Submission Process:

Please submit your statement of qualifications electronically to Neah Johnson at njohnson@interwestgrp.com no later than September 21, 2023. All files should be in PDF format, and the total file size should not exceed 10MB. In the subject line of your email, please include "Lake Dalwigk Park Art Installation Qualifications - [Your Name/Team Name]."

Selection Process:

A panel of professionals and City representatives will review the submitted qualifications. The selection will be based on artistic merit, creativity, concept viability, and alignment with the project's goals and criteria. Shortlisted artists may be invited for an interview or presentation of their qualifications before the final selection is made.

Budget and Compensation:

The total budget for the art installation, including artist fees, materials, installation costs, and ongoing maintenance, is \$120,000. The selected artist(s) will be awarded a compensation fee that reflects the scale and complexity of the art.

Important Dates:

- Call for Artists Release: September 7, 2023
- Submission Deadline: September 21, 2023
- Shortlist Notification: September 28, 2023
- Artist Interviews/Presentations (if applicable): October 5, 2023
- Final Selection Announcement: October 12, 2023
- Project Completion and Installation: June 30, 2024, or sooner

We look forward to receiving your qualifications and witnessing the transformative power of art within our public park. If you have any inquiries or require further information, please contact Nicole Jules, Project Manager at 310-938-3244 or njules@interwestgrp.com.