



CALL TO ARTISTS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS *issued August 24, 2015*
CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS

PROJECT: Miami Springs Aquatic Center

BUDGET: \$50,309

LOCATION: 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs FL 33166

ELIGIBILITY: Open Call to all professional artists residing in South Florida.

The City of Miami Springs Art in Public Places Program requests qualifications from professional artists with demonstrated experience in creating permanent, site-specific exterior art work for the new Miami Springs Aquatic Center.

Applications from architects, landscape architects or other design professionals will not be considered unless included as part of an artist-led team.

Employees of Miami Springs, Miami-Dade County, as well as selection panelists and panelists' immediate family members, are excluded from participation in this public art project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Estimated Completion Date: May 30, 2016

The new Miami Springs Aquatic Center will be located in the north side of the Community Center campus, and will replace the previous 1950's pool and building. Designed by Carty Architecture and Alleguez Architecture, it will offer a community-oriented pool with water activities, cabanas, a large activity room, concession stand, modern support facilities with lockers, conventional and family restrooms, showers and a consolidated parking lot. The new facility layout showcases simplicity and efficiency and echoes design elements of the existing Community Center.



The entry is inviting and enhanced by abundant natural lighting and cross ventilation. The Restroom / Lockers / Showers and Pool Equipment Buildings are located on the north side of the property and a service area for catering is provided for easy access from the north as

well. A concession stand flanks the cabanas so that it is easily accessible and visible by the pool users. The main entry and administrative office spaces along with the new Reception / Multi-Purpose Building will be located on the east side of the site.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ART (Please refer to the attached plans):

These may include, but are not limited to, and may be a combination of two or more of the following elements:

- Artwork affixed permanently to building cladding, made of stone, concrete, metal, dichroic glass, ceramic or other highly durable materials which are easy to maintain and can withstand severe wind and weather. Artist shall coordinate all necessary backing, structural anchoring etc. (if applicable) with contractor.
- Approximately 25 linear feet of 6'-8' high decorative functional aluminum fencing and gates (6 feet wide – 6 feet high) along the south border of the Aquatic Center. If either/both of these elements are selected, the City will cover permit costs. ***Should an option from this category be selected that duplicates an existing contractor-budgeted item, the material cost of the item will be credited to the artist. The actual installation of either/both of these elements if selected will be done by Lunacon Construction Group.***
- Approximately 25 linear feet of 8' high wall along the west elevation of the Multi-Purpose Building, between windows facing pool deck
- Column at entry approximately 10 feet high
- No decking, sculpture, lighting

It is envisioned that an artist will design **permanent, weatherproof** art work(s) that will be **structurally and/or functionally integrated into the exterior areas of the Aquatic Center**. The designs should **harmonize with the colors and forms of the architecture** as depicted in these renderings, and may express the activities that take place in the facility, or may draw inspiration from the South Florida environment.



ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET: \$50,309

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Deadline for RFQs	Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.
Public Art Committee reviews of RFQs and selects 3-5 finalists to develop site-specific proposals	September 29, 2015 @ 7 p.m. City Hall
Staff notifies 3-5 Finalists, provides contracts for \$1,000 honoraria for development of site-specific proposals	October 1, 2015
Finalist Interviews, selection	November 17, 2015 @ 7 p.m. City Hall
Presentation and Recommendation to City Council for approval	November 23, 2015

Approval of Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Trust	December, 2015
Artist is contracted for project	December, 2015
Selected Artist Begins Design	December, 2015
Selected Artist 100% Design	end of January, 2016
Selected Artist Fabrication Substantially Complete	February – May, 2016
Selected Artist Completion/installation of Project	end of May, 2016

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

SELECTION PROCESS:

It is anticipated that, through a review of images, the Miami Springs Art in Public Places Committee will identify 3-5 finalists who will be paid a \$1,000 honorarium to develop site-specific proposals prior to the 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 Miami Springs Art in Public Places Committee reserves the right to recommend artists directly from the initially submitted applications.**

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The selection of a project to receive funding will be based in part on the following criteria:

1. Creativity, artistic merit, and aesthetic impact of the proposed project.
2. Appropriateness of the project to the proposed site.
3. Ability of the project to effectively engage the community.
4. Demonstrated capabilities and artistic excellence of the visual artist, as evidenced by images provided in the application.
5. Professional qualifications and evidence of experience of the artist to adequately undertake and successfully execute the proposed project on time and within budget.
6. Feasibility of the project based on budget, timeline, scope and materials.

SELECTION PANEL:

The Miami Springs Art in Public Places Committee is composed of 5 Citizen Advisory Board members, community arts professionals and non-voting representatives of the City staff and architecture and construction firms. This group will review all artists’ work responding to this Call, and recommend one or more artists for commission by the City.



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK:

1. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Sealed qualification packages must be received in entirety as detailed below **no later than 2:30 p.m. EDST on Thursday, September 24, 2015.** Submissions received after that time will be considered non-responsive.
2. **QUALIFICATION PACKAGE:** to consist of
 - a. A current professional resume outlining professional accomplishments of each artist (or team member), including any completed public art projects and their budgets
 - b. A separate artist statement
 - c. A flash drive containing **ten (10) high resolution .jpg images of past work (may include details)** in one PDF document format with one image per page that demonstrates the artist's relevant experience. **Entries that do not follow this formatting may be disqualified.** Do not submit any additional images, jpg /png / tiff /bmp /gif / or video format.
 - d. An annotated image list that details medium, dimensions, year, location, client/agency, budget, completion date and a brief written description of each image.
3. **SUBMISSION PROCESS:** They may be delivered in person or mailed to:

City Clerk's Office
Miami Springs City Hall
201 Westward Drive, 2nd Floor
Miami Springs, FL 33166
Attn: Art in Public Places

For additional information on this project, contact Carol Foster at 305.805.5054 or fosterc@miamisprings-fl.gov.



ABOUT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

The Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places program was established in 1973 through passage of an ordinance allocating 1.5% of construction cost of new county buildings for the purchase or commission of artworks, educational programs and collection maintenance. This was extended by ordinance in 1994 to include all governmental buildings in every Miami-Dade County municipality.

In 2010, the City of Miami Springs opened a new Community Center, located to the south of where this new aquatic facility will be situated. Through the Art in Public Places selection process, signature artwork was commissioned for the Center that celebrates the history and diversity of our community.

Artworks commissioned by the Miami Springs Art in Public Places program add value to the municipal collection, vitalize our City's visual signature and enrich the spirit and pride of our residents.

The City of Miami Springs operates its programs, services, and activities in compliance with federal nondiscrimination laws including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations. Title VI prohibits discrimination in federally assisted programs and requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin (including limited English proficiency), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance. Additionally, the City of Miami Springs provides meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities to individuals with limited English proficiency, in compliance with US Department of Transportation policy and guidance on federal Executive Order 13166.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Miami Springs will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of the disability in its services, programs, or activities. The City of Miami Springs will make all reasonable accommodations within the parameters of its policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or an accommodation of the city's policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Miami Springs, should contact the ADA Coordinator Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria at 305.805.5006 or gonzalez@miamisprings-fl.gov, or designee Deputy City Clerk at 305-805-5007.

