

Application for Public Art Funding Introduction

**SUBMITTAL INFORMATION**

Deadline: October 31, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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**APPLICATION AVAILABILITY AND DEADLINE**

The City of Arlington is accepting applications from the public and organizations for public art projects.

To be eligible for consideration in the 2026 budget cycle, your complete proposal must be received by the deadline. Please submit a separate application for each project requested for funding. You may submit applications any time to be considered for the next funding cycle.

**APPLICATION REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Each proposal will be considered by the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC). The commission shall have the authority to negotiate concerning the content of any applicant’s proposal. The approximate review and award schedule is below.

Application Open:	August 4, 2025
Application Due:	October 31, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
PARC Review:	November 2025
Notice to successful applicants:	December 30, 2025

**PUBLIC ART STRATEGIC PLAN**

Applicants are encouraged to read the City of Arlington Public Art Strategic Plan, available here:

<https://www.arlingtonwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2419/Public-Art-Strategic-Plan-2019-final?bidId=>

Goals and Objectives (Page 9)

1. The City has adopted a funding source for public art, 10 percent of construction sales tax.
2. The City desires to integrate art into public places within public and private projects to improve the resident and visitor experience and the economic vitality of the City through enhancement of public spaces.
3. The City will implement plan to create a visually and functional superior environment through art.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Funding: There is no match required for this funding; however, if matching funds are proposed, please indicate in the budget section of the application. Funding is granted as a reimbursement, unless arrangements are made with the City or if purchased directly by the City. Projects are expected to be completed within the year. The average size award may be \$5,000-\$20,000. 2026 total budget is \$25,000.

Cooperative Projects: Describe partnership.

The City will create an agreement between the successful applicant and City, detailing which parties are responsible for installation, maintenance, and ownership. Please provide letter of permission from property owner where public art is proposed, if property is not City owned.

## **Application for 2026 Public Art Funding**

*What is public art? Artwork permanently or temporarily placed in a public space. It can be placed inside or outside, be representational or abstract. It can be integrated with architecture, landscape or infrastructure. It can be functional, commemorative, decorative, or interactive. Public art contributes to the visual character of the community, creates a sense of place, and celebrates culture and history. Public art should inspire conversation.*

Project Title:

Area to be located:

Name of Organization(s):

Project Contact Person Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Person Representing Organization or Neighborhood:

Phone:

Email:

Is this proposal for funding only (reimbursement) or proposing for city led project?

Will artwork become city property after installation?

Is a "Call for Art" part of this proposal?

Amount Requested:     \$

Match:                     \$

Total Project Budget:     \$

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

## **Project Description/Proposal**

**Description of art element-** subject matter, size, materials and techniques used. Attach photos, sketches, mock-ups to fully visualize final product.

**Artist Information-** name of artist, address, and website. Include images of artist's work and list experience with similar types of projects:

**Proposed Site-** specific location, include map and photos. How and when will artwork be viewed by the public after installation?

**How is the work appropriate for the site?**

**Describe community input or public outreach for project.**

**Installation mechanism-** support structure and equipment required for installation, include costs in budget and indicate if requesting city to install.

**Maintenance:** Describe annual maintenance and lifespan of artwork.

### Project Budget

Item	Request from City	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Total
Totals:				

Include a description of in-kind contributions. Include materials required for installation.

## Project Timeline

Funds will be available January 30, 2026. Indicate at which point funds will be required.

Month	Task Item
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	