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Cathedral Square Corporation (CSC) requests proposals from artists (or artist teams) for a public art project at 146 Market Street in South Burlington, Vermont.

Deadline for submissions: January 12, 2018

Project Description

The project, called Allard Square, is a four-story 39-unit affordable senior housing building on Market Street in South Burlington's new City Center. This project will be the first apartment building developed in City Center, which the City envisions as a new downtown blending existing neighborhoods, commercial areas, and natural areas with increased connectivity to support an integrated mix of housing, retail and employment. The opportunities for public art are located in front of the building or integrated into the building, and should be visible from the sidewalk on Market Street. Construction of Allard Square began in October, 2017 and will conclude in September, 2018. There is an opportunity to incorporate concepts into architectural features and materials and/or to streamline installation over the course of construction. Suggested location is highlighted in yellow on page A2.0 of the building elevations. Artists may develop concepts for this location, or suggest another location as long as it remains visibly public.

Proposed projects should be sculptural/fine art based rather than functional in nature; i.e. no benches or bike racks will be entertained for this site. Durability and low/no maintenance are important for this location.

About Cathedral Square

Cathedral Square (CSC) is a nonprofit housing and services provider. For 40 years, CSC has developed, owned and managed affordable housing communities for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. CSC's Support and Services at Home "SASH" program offers residents the support needed to live independently and safely at home. In addition to embracing positive aging, CSC values energy efficiency, accessibility, and the inherent dignity of all human beings regardless of age and income.

Budget

The budget for the selected project is not to exceed \$25,000 including artist/design fees, materials and fabrication. Installation costs may be considered separately but please provide a detailed description of installation requirements and an estimate for any additional installation costs not included in the base budget.

Specifications for Design

1. Any material will be considered as long as it has a documented history of permanence and low maintenance.
2. Design should maximize the scale and proportions of the site.
3. Design should enhance the experience for residents entering the building and provide interest to pedestrians from the sidewalk.
4. Given the heavy 24-hour-a-day pedestrian traffic, design must be safe, tamper-resistant, easily maintained, and discourage climbing, vandalism and graffiti

Selection

A review panel comprised of Cathedral Square representatives and project design consultants will review submissions from this RFP to select an artist. The proposed design will then be submitted to the South Burlington DRB for approval.

Payment

The artist(s) will be paid one-half of the project cost upon contract signing, and the remaining one-half upon project completion.

Estimated Timeline: January 12, 2018 - September 1, 2018

January 12, 2018 - February 9, 2018: Artist selection

February 9, 2018 - March 30, 2018: Refinement of artist proposal in collaboration with project designers and contractors; City DRB approval process; Contract completed and signed

March 30, 2018 - September 1, 2018: Fabrication and installation (note: if proposed project incorporates design into the architecture, a schedule for installation would need to be coordinated with the building contractors).

Criteria for Selection

Proposals will be judged as follows:

Aesthetic Considerations

- Innovative use of site
- Considers elements of existing architecture and infrastructure in design/material choices
- Exhibits strong artistic concept, design, and craftsmanship

Thematic Considerations

- Reflects or strengthens the unique community identity and sense of place
- Reflects the mission of Cathedral Square, "Healthy Homes, Caring Communities, Positive Aging." Represents housing, caring, services, and partnerships.
- Creatively connects with local community members and/or surrounding businesses

Professionalism

- Proposal is coherent and well-presented
- Previous experience completing public art projects for organizations or for private organizations of similar scope indicated

Suitability to the Site

- Compatible with the uses of the site, which include a high level of pedestrian traffic
- Efficient use of space
- Durability and vandal-deterrence
- Respects concern for public safety

Execution and Maintenance

- Demonstrated ability of artist to carry out the project within budget and on time
- Demonstrated ability of the artist to work within a complex development process and remain flexible with project changes
- Proposed project's maintenance requirements being minimal to none

Materials to be Submitted

The following materials should be submitted via email to Lescaze@cathedralsquare.org

1. Up to 5 images of past work each titled with number and artist name (.jpg files)

2. Corresponding image list detailing project title, project budget, materials used, and brief description (.doc or .pdf)
3. Narrative description of proposed design, not to exceed 500 words (.doc or .pdf)
4. Detailed scale drawing scaled to print at 11"x17" (.jpg or .pdf)
5. Current resume (.doc or .pdf)
6. Detailed budget (.doc or .pdf)

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