

CITY OF ANN ARBOR

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Ann Arbor Bicentennial Murals – Call for Artist Proposals

The City of Ann Arbor is celebrating its bicentennial in 2024, and as part of the celebrations, City staff are seeking artists to submit proposals for mural designs that celebrate our community and 200 years of Ann Arbor! One selected artist will receive a \$25,000 contract with the City for the purchase and installation of their design on two basketball courts in City parks.

Proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. Proposals should be submitted by email to bicentennialmurals@a2gov.org.

A City committee will select three finalists from the proposals submitted which meet the criteria below. Finalist entries will be displayed online and at Larcom City Hall for a community vote, which will begin Monday, May 20th, 2024 and will be used to select the winning design, which will be announced in June 2024. The two runners-up will each receive \$500.

Design Criteria

The selected mural design will be installed by the artist on two basketball courts – one in Bicentennial Park (formerly Southeast Area Park) and one in Leslie Park. The same mural will be applied at both locations. The murals will be property of the City and the City may choose to reject any proposal for any reason. At a minimum, designs must follow the below criteria to be considered for selection:

- I. Mural designs should maintain all existing court markings (e.g. free throw key, 3 point arc, outer boundary, etc.). Murals may incorporate such markings into the design, so long as these delineations remain apparent.
- II. Mural designs must include the City's bicentennial logo in the center circle of the basketball court. The bicentennial logo is included at the end of this document for reference.
- III. Murals should be installed with the use of non-toxic and weather-resistant paints. All materials used in installation must be skid resistant.
- IV. Mural designs may not include any letters, numbers, or words (of any language or alphabet), with the exception of:
 - a. "Ann Arbor" or "City of Ann Arbor"

- b. "200"
 - c. "Bicentennial"
 - d. The City's bicentennial logo
- V. Mural designs may not include any logos (other than the City's bicentennial logo), trademarked materials, commercial imagery, or any sort of advertising.
 - VI. Mural designs may not contain sexual imagery or depict violence.
 - VII. Mural designs may not be religious or political in nature, or contain imagery that is considered sacred by any peoples.
 - VIII. Mural designs may not depict historical figures or real people.
 - IX. We encourage artists to submit designs that are abstract in nature. However, non-abstract elements may be permitted, provided they meet the above criteria, as decided by the Ann Arbor Bicentennial Murals Committee.
 - X. Mural designs should allow for a minimum of 10 volunteer hours during installation, to allow for community participation in the painting process.
 - XI. Mural designs must be original artwork.

Proposal Guidelines

The submitted proposal should include:

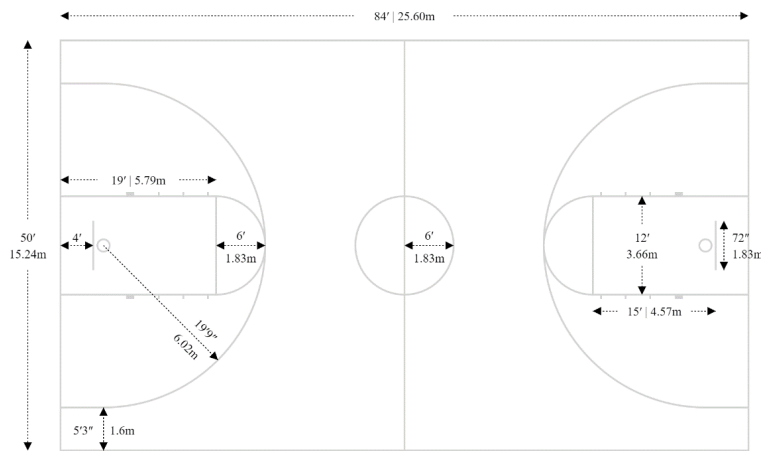
- I. Photos or sketches of the proposed mural design. Only one design per entry.
- II. A written description of the design's inspiration and relation to the celebration of the city's bicentennial.
- III. A written description of the proposed installation process, including:
 - a. A list of proposed materials. Please also include a statement indicating if you will require assistance from the City in selecting or procuring materials.
 - b. A plan for incorporating at least 10 volunteer hours into the painting process for each mural, to allow for community members to participate in the painting process.
- IV. A brief description of the artist's connection to Ann Arbor.
- V. A proposed budget breakdown. The City will allocate \$25,000 for the installation of both identical murals, inclusive of all materials, labor, and creative effort. Artists should be mindful of the quantities needed and the timeline for installation.

Mural Maintenance

For graffiti or other events or natural wear that result in damage to the mural, the City may elect to repair or remove the mural at its own expense, or may request the artist to conduct repairs, including touch-ups or repainting of damaged or faded sections, subject to agreement by the artist and availability of funds. The artist shall notify and coordinate all repair work with the City prior to commencing work. When repairing the mural, the artist shall not alter the mural from the design approved by the City, unless the specific alteration is approved in writing.

Site Specifications

Both courts are NCAA regulation size and must include the markings illustrated below. Artists are encouraged to visit each basketball court in person before submitting a design. Courts will be prepared for painting by the City prior to installation.



Leslie Park

2900 Leslie Park Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

<https://url.a2gov.org/Leslie>

Mural should extend to boundary lines on the full court. The half courts will not be incorporated in the mural.



Bicentennial Park

(Renamed from Southeast Area Park in 2023)

2901 E. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

<https://url.a2gov.org/Southeast>

Mural should extend to boundary lines.



Project Timeline

Proposal submission period closes	Friday, May 3rd, 2024
Finalists announced and community voting opens	Monday, May 20th, 2024
Community voting period closes	Friday, June 7th, 2024
Winning design announced	Monday, June 17th, 2024
Mural installation begins	Monday, August 12th, 2024
Mural installation done	Friday, August 30th, 2024
Grand unveiling	Monday, September 9th, 2024

Legal disclosure: By submitting a design entry, participants give the City of Ann Arbor the absolute right and permission to (1) use all or part of the design in promotional materials or publicity efforts, including publications, print ads (such as billboards or posters), direct mail pieces, electronic or social media, or media campaigns, and (2) alter or modify the design as necessary for such use. Participants also release the City of Ann Arbor, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, and designees from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right in connection with such use. Participants also acknowledge that if selected, they will be required to sign an agreement transferring full ownership of the design to the City. Runners-up must submit required documentation to the City to receive the \$500 payment.

City Bicentennial Logo:



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