

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Erie, Colorado Signature Sculpture

Issue Date: September 29, 2022

Due Date: October 27, 2022

The Town of Erie is a full-service community located in both Boulder and Weld Counties just west of I-25. Erie's incorporated area is 20 square miles, and our planning area spans 48 square miles extending from the north side of State Highway 52 south to State Highway 7, and between US 287 on the west and I-25 to the east. Erie is a growing community currently comprised of approximately 10,125 residential units and a 2020 population of more than 30,000, triple the population 15 years prior. The Erie Town Center Master Plan Market Analysis, completed in 2019, projected that Erie's population will grow to 64,000 by 2030. The Town has seen commercial growth in Historic Old Town Erie, the Erie Commons neighborhood, Vista Ridge master-planned community, Coal Creek Business Center, the new Erie Town Center district and the new Nine Mile Corner retail development.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This call for artists offers an opportunity to create the first public sculpture within the Town of Erie as the Town is seeking to create a signature artwork. This piece should celebrate the soul of Erie and assist in directing its future as a place that is invested in arts and culture. Key inspiration for the project include Erie's ethos, present dynamics, history, and future potential. This sculpture will serve as a transformative element of the Town and will set a standard of excellence and inspiration for future works in Erie.

Through community engagement efforts, the community developed the following value statements that should be considered in developing work for the Town. These characteristics ensure alignment with community priorities and values.

Iconic Public Art in Erie:

1. Will be welcoming to all, revealing the true heart of the town.
2. Will be an extension of our natural beauty seeking not to upstage it, but to exist in contrast to it.
3. Will create opportunities for meaningful connection for residents and visitors.
4. Will be vibrant and deepen our imagination and curiosity.

A budget of \$316,000.00 has been allocated to the signature sculpture and is all inclusive of engineering, fabrication, travel expenses, site preparation, any equipment rental, and artist fee.

A stipend of \$3,000.00 will be provided for up to three finalists for the development of concepts.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

There are 3 potential site locations in the Town. During concept creation, the artists should determine where the artwork should be placed and propose their ideal site that best suits their proposed work.

Photographs of each site are included in Exhibit A.

RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

There is no submission fee. Submissions must be made online through Codaworx. Application information is found at <https://www.codaworx.com/rfp/town-of-erie-signature-sculpture/>. In order to access the submission page, you must create a free account. Among the items you will need to include in the online application are the following:

- **Statement of interest**
 - In 300 words or less, describe your interest in the commission and your qualifications for undertaking such a project. Be sure to address the selection criteria below. If applying as an artist team, your statement of interest should reflect the work and approach of the team.
- **Artist(s) Qualifications**
 - Not more than two pages that outlines professional accomplishments as an artist and any community engagement experience. Be sure to include any relevant public or private commissioning experience.
- **Media**
 - Up to 5 Images of Past Work
 - Images should be from 70-100 dpi.
 - If you have a video you would like to include, submit a link to the video in the link text.
- **References**
 - A list of at least three professional references that have a solid knowledge of your work and working methods including address, email and telephone.
- **Optional**
 - You may include up to three selections of support materials such as reviews, news articles, and other related information.
- **Due Date:** 5:00pm PST on October 27, 2022.

SELECTION PROCESS AND BUDGET

Interested and qualified artists should respond to this Request for Qualifications per the instructions outlined above. The Town of Erie will invite up to three (3) artists (or artist teams) to develop concepts for consideration. A stipend of \$3,000 will be paid to each artist or artist team.

Upon selection, a binding fee and schedule will be requested from the preferred artist(s) for a scope of services that will include: finalizing artwork design and treatment, developing renderings, method for installation, maintenance plan, artist fee, and installing the final art. Note that all files, images, graphics, etc., related to the sculpture must be provided in electronic format.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

October 27, 2022: RFQ Responses due at 5:00 pm EST

Week of November 14, 2022: Finalists Announced
January 2023: Concepts Due from Finalists
February 2023: Presentation of Concepts to selection committee
Summer 2023: Sculpture Installation

POINT OF CONTACT

Direct all inquiries to Amanda Golden, Managing Principal of Designing Local.

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ERIE PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

EXHIBIT A

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ESSENCE OF ERIE

OUR NATURE

Hawks following the Creeks
Osprey and Beavers
Wild sunflowers
Blue Herons
Fox habitat
Conservation



ERIE PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

ESSENCE OF ERIE

OUR FRONT RANGE

MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Bikes and hikes
Panoramic
Goldenrod
Coyote Crossing
Confluence
Hot Air Balloons



ERIE PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

ESSENCE OF ERIE SLOW AND STEADY LIFESTYLE

Pump Track
Disc Golf Course
Community Center
Family Recreation
Small Town Feel
Relaxed Atmosphere



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ESSENCE OF ERIE OUR OPEN HEARTS

Everyone's Welcome
Community Pride
Man's Best Friend
Everyone knows your name
Tree Houses
Beaded Belts



ERIE PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

ESSENCE OF ERIE OUR MINED PAST

Farm and Ranch
Aviation
Historic Downtown
Coal Creek
Ute, Arapaho, and the Cheyenne
Sunset Open Space



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ERIE PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

TOP 3 LOCATIONS BETWEEN LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER





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**TOP 3 LOCATIONS
BETWEEN COAL CREEK
PARK AND THE DISC
GOLF COURSE**

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TOP 3 LOCATIONS NEAR BRIDGE ON BRIGGS STREET & PERRY ST BY THE COAL CREEK TRAIL

