

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The commission opportunity begins with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that will expand to a Request for Proposals (RFP) at a later date for qualified semi-finalists.

Veterans Memorial Sculpture for the City of Sandy Springs

The City of Sandy Springs, the second largest city in metropolitan Atlanta, is seeking proposals for a Veterans Memorial Sculpture. The sculpture will be placed at the high point of the city's new Veterans Memorial Park, which is located at a busy intersection across from City Springs, the city's civic center, which serves as a gathering place for residents and visitors, and features a variety of art, musical, and cultural venues and events. The sculpture will express the community's gratitude to those who have served in our military and those who now serve to protect and preserve our freedom.

Veterans Memorial Park sits at the intersection of three highly trafficked roadways at the heart of downtown Sandy Springs and thus has heavy daily vehicular traffic. The new park will also enjoy dedicated pedestrian visits along with foot traffic visiting downtown and the city's civic complex and performing art center. The 2-acre park features trees, shrubs, fountains, walkways and benches, making it an inviting place to contemplate the gift of freedom we have been given by our veterans. The commissioned sculpture(s) will be viewed both from a close-up pedestrian aspect at its eastern side and from vehicular traffic in all directions.

The city's expectation is for a figurative piece to provide a contemplative experience at the ground plane plus a monumental aspect to reach out above the water feature and the vehicular traffic. This can be accomplished either with one piece or multiple pieces, and can deploy multiple media. This commission can be awarded to one artist or to multiple artists who collaborate on their submission.

The City of Sandy Springs is committed to developing its public art collection and has partnered with the non-profit volunteer organization: Art Sandy Springs (ArtSS). The City has tasked ArtSS with identifying and engaging artists to provide the City with public artworks. Permanent outdoor works are purchased with public and private funds.

The Veterans Memorial Sculpture will be a landmark for the City of Sandy Springs and the surrounding region, signifying art as a force for expressing community values.

RFQ AT A GLANCE

\$385,000

commission opportunity

Commissioned by

City of Sandy Springs

Sandy Springs

Georgia

Eligibility

Open to all artists

February 28, 2023

Deadline to Apply, February 28, 2023, 11:59 pm
Eastern Time (-5GMT)

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Media

The artwork will be an outdoor permanent project suitable both to visually dominate a heavily trafficked vehicular intersection and to create an intimate, contemplative experience at the pedestrian plane. Artwork should be fabricated of highly durable, low-maintenance materials to include but not limited to stone, metal, glass, ceramics, mosaics, etc. Special consideration should be made towards the location, indicated by a yellow dot on the site plan on page 8, as it is near or could integrate with the fountain being planned for the site. The artwork may stand alone or may engage with the edge walls of the fountain or the airspace above the fountain but the base of a sculptural piece may not sit within the fountain.

RFQ KEYWORDS

MONUMENTAL

COMMUNITY

MEMORIAL

CONTEMPLATIVE

INSPIRING

THANKFUL

TIMELESS

UNIVERSAL

Guidelines

The City of Sandy Springs Veterans Memorial Sculpture will encompass significant fine art monuments reflecting community and visitor gratitude to the men and women who serve or have served and sacrificed to protect our country and our freedoms. As such, it will be centrally placed and clearly visible to motor vehicle occupants passing by and to pedestrians walking through or relaxing in the Veterans Memorial Park.

Artists are invited to submit biographies and portfolios illustrating qualifications for this commission. Finalists selected from the qualifications process will be invited to submit proposals that convey the solemnity, seriousness, and aspirational qualities of such a monument in a style the Artist feels is appropriate to the subject. The artwork will be an outdoor project suitable to all ages.

The space designated for the artwork is at the highpoint of the park, adjacent to or within the monumental fountain feature. **See park drawings attached.** The city is open to minor modifications to the fountain as feasible during design and prior to the beginning of fountain construction, provided that such modifications do not include changes to the fountain's base or plumbing.

The selected artist will fabricate the artwork and deliver it to the site in an undamaged and unblemished condition by the scheduled delivery date. The artist will coordinate with Art Sandy Springs on design approvals and progress reports that may be in the form of site visits or electronic presentations. Materials of the artwork will contain no hazardous or unsafe components. It is the artist's responsibility to oversee installation of the artwork by the City. The City will provide a structural base as required to support and install the artwork, based on the artwork's weight, dimensions, base details and attachment specs to be provided by the artist.

In addition to the central monumental sculpture, the City is looking for a figurative/ realistic component at the ground plane on the east side of the fountain. If an applicant only works in one of these styles/media we recommend teaming up with another artist/studio for a joint response to the RFQ.

About the Commissioner

Incorporated in 2005, the City of Sandy Spring is home to more than 108,000 residents, four Fortune 500 and seven Fortune 1,000 companies. Niche.com rates Sandy Springs as one of the country's 10 best cities for millennials, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution named Sandy Springs the best suburb in Atlanta in a recent poll. The City is committed to developing arts and arts programming. Efforts began alongside the City's formation with the non-profit volunteer organization, Art Sandy Springs (ArtSS), which had launched the Arts in the Open program with an annual sculpture competition before the City was formed. Each ArtSS sponsored outdoor sculpture competition attracts more than 100 national and international submissions, and selected works are purchased with public and private funds to incorporate into the city's public art collection. In 2014, The Playable Art Park opened to national praise with six large-scale sculptures built by artists for children to play on. It has become a popular regional playground destination for families with children of all ages. With the opening of City Springs in 2018, ArtSS is tasked with assisting the City in identifying and engaging artists to provide works for the City Springs complex.

Budget and Funding

The budget for the artwork is \$385,000. The budget includes artist fees/expenses, design, fabrication, installation costs, permit costs, and insurance costs. The City will be responsible for lighting, and the foundation. Qualifying artists will be interviewed prior to being invited to create a design proposal. Finalists will receive an honorarium of \$12,000 to develop and present a proposal, to include a 3-D digital representation or maquette. The honorarium will be applied to the price of the commissioned artwork. Finalists will make a site visit to inform their proposal.

Proposed Timeline – Some deadlines may be extended

Call Published	January 6, 2023
Deadline to Apply	February 28, 2023
Screening	March 1 through March 31, 2023
Three Finalists Selected	April 14, 2023
Presentation of Finalists' Design Concepts	June 30, 2023
Final Artist Selected	July 14, 2023
Project Installation	Fall 2024
Veteran's Day Dedication Ceremony	November 11, 2024

Qualifications

Professional artists and teams of artists are asked to submit:

1. A bio and/or resume illustrating experience managing, designing and completing site-specific art commissions for educational, civic, municipal and state governments or other institutions; or equivalent skills and experience.
2. A portfolio of work samples relevant to this commission with pricing and approximate dates of sale.

Candidates must be 18 years or older and eligible to work in the United States.

Selection Criteria

- Quality of work samples
- Artistic aesthetic
- Demonstrates the ability to work collaboratively with planning groups
- Demonstrates the ability to design a site-specific artwork.

Selection Process

- Based on the above criteria a limited number of artists will be selected for a video conference interview with the Selection Team.
- Following the interviews, three artists will be selected, each of whom will be asked to submit up to three designs.
- An honorarium of \$12,000 will be paid to each of the selected artists for their design.
- The artwork shall be suitable for public display and be of high artistic quality, appropriate for viewers of all ages.
- The Artist will be selected from the design submissions to work with the City and Art Sandy Springs as its representatives, through design, fabrication, shipping and installation.

Execution of the Design

- The selected Artist will fabricate artwork and deliver it to the site in an undamaged and unblemished condition by the scheduled delivery date.
- The Artist shall agree to provide periodic photos or video of the progress at hand as requested.
- The Artist shall agree to visits to the Artists' fabrication location by ArtSS and other City representatives as requested.
- The artwork will be purchased and paid for by the City of Sandy Springs and shall become the property of the City of Sandy Springs.
- Materials of the artwork will contain no hazardous or unsafe materials.
- It is the Artist's responsibility to oversee installation of the artwork by the City.
- The Artist will not begin fabrication of the artwork without providing to the City the Artist Agreement, executed by the Artist selected for exhibition.

Submission Instructions and Materials

Applications accepted at this link through the CODAworx RFP Portal:

<https://www.codaworx.com/rfp/veterans-memorial-sculpture-for-the-city-of-sandy-springs-sandy-springs-ga>

1. To apply for this opportunity, sign up or login to a free account at www.codaworx.com/register or log into your account at www.codaworx.com/login. Compatible browsers: Chrome, Safari, and Firefox.
2. You may save and return to your application before submitting it. Log into your CODAworx account, click the person icon in the top right, and select My Account. Click RFP Applications to view a list of applications in progress. Click to edit your application.

Required information for this application-

Résumé/CV with References

Submit a brief, current résumé or CV, including:

1. Contact information
2. Your website
3. Previous relevant art commissions
4. Design team experience
5. Exhibitions, awards, grants
6. Education
7. References:

Please include at least three (3) art and/or design professionals who have detailed knowledge of the artist's work and working methods, including fulfilling deadlines, working with the community, etc. Include contact name, organization, address, telephone, and email for each reference.

Letter of Interest

Please submit a targeted letter of interest for this project.

Required information:

1. Your name, address, telephone, email, and website for all artist/design team members.
2. Your interest in this project and your experience working on comparable projects,
 - a. Include your experience with architectural and engineering project teams.
 - b. Include your philosophy on public art, its integration into the surrounding environment and how your work and experience will complement this project.
 - c. Please describe your eligibility towards the criteria for this project.

Submission Instructions and Materials Continued

Artwork Images

In the “Images of Your Work” section of your application on CODAworx, please submit up to 5 (five) images of different completed artworks or past commissions. For each completed artwork, you will be prompted to upload a single, main image and specify the title of the artwork, location, budget (USD), year completed, medium, and dimensions.

Images must be JPG or PNG file format with a minimum of 620px width, a maximum of 1500px, and maximum file size of 5MB. You have the option to provide more images and information for your completed artwork by publishing a CODAworx “project.” Log in to your CODAworx account, click the person icon in the top right, click My Account, and click Projects. Scroll down the page and click Create a New Project. Learn more about how to publish a project here: <http://bit.ly/CODAworxProject> You can upload an unlimited number of projects. Published and unpublished project links can be added to your RFP Toolkit application by grabbing the project’s URL

Slides, prints or any physical submissions of artwork will not be accepted.

Contact

For questions regarding the project goals, selection criteria, CODAworx RFP application platform, please contact:

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References

Figure 1 - The gold dot below indicates the proposed location of the sculpture.



Figure 2 -



References

Figure 3 - Nearby plinths with plaques for each military branch



Figure 4-



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Figure 5-



Figure 6-

