

Artist RFQ

Project Title – Aggieville Mural Project

I. Project Intent

The Butler Family Foundation seeks to commission a mural for
Butler Family Community Foundation Building (BFCF)
515 N. 12th Street (Aggieville), Manhattan, KS 66502

South facing side of building. Faces an alley, city park and two major access streets to Aggieville. Site has two windows, an uneven plane, and a brick surface.

H + W total = 15 x 20 (rough) = 300 Sq Ft



This artwork(s) should:

Create excitement and interest in the community and should not contain anything related to sex, violence, politics, or religion.

Inspire interest from the community through art, color, style, and unique design, encouraging photo opportunities.

The artists should be willing to learn about the community from which to apply the concepts for developing the initial proposal. The top three finalists will be asked to dialogue with the selection committee to apply concepts and feedback to refine their design.

The artwork must be durable and appropriate to the location. The artist should consider the high amount of pedestrian traffic within the location.

II. Budget

The budget for this project is up to \$15,000.

The total budget should include artist fees, travel-related expenses, materials and supplies, installation, and other associated costs.

III. Eligibility

The project is open to all artists, age 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability.

Artist teams are eligible to apply.

IV. Time Line

June 30, 2023 - Deadline for application materials

July, 2023 - Artist Selection Panel meets to review materials and choose finalists

Early August, 2023 – Top 3 finalists will develop a concept and present their proposal to the selection committee via Zoom

August, 2023 -Project awarded

September/October, 2023 (projected) -Work on project

V. Application Requirements

Artists interested in this project must prepare and submit the following:

1. Letter of Interest. The letter should be no more than one page in length and should explain the artist's interest in the project.
2. Annotated artwork list - with artwork title, medium, dimensions, brief description, location, date of work, commissioning entity, and budget/price. A minimum of 3 examples required, up to 5 may be submitted.
3. References. A list of at least three professional references with intimate knowledge of their work and working methods. The list must include complete addresses and telephone numbers.
4. Optional. The artist may include up to three selections of support materials such as reviews, news articles, social media, and other related information.

VI. Selection Process

An artist selection panel consisting of Butler Family Community Foundation family members and friends.

The top 3 finalists will be asked to develop a conceptual approach for artwork at the site and to present their proposal, including concept, materials, details of maintenance guidelines, and budget. The top three finalists will be compensated (\$400 each) for participating in this stage of the selection process.

VII. History of the location

The Butler family has a long history in Aggieville and Manhattan. We have four generations of K-Staters in our family. When our dad was in college he had the opportunity to manage the 5th Pizza Hut in the country, right on Moro Street. He eventually bought it and ran that Pizza Hut for over 50 years. The building that the mural will be painted on was his office for 20+ years and now is the home for the Butler Family Community Foundation. We would love to see some Easter eggs appear in the mural such as a Pizza Hut Pete, a nod to the St Paddy's Day parade, old Aggieville landmarks, Johnny Kaw, and the like. We see this mural as a chance to participate in telling the Aggieville and Manhattan story, bringing more public art to Aggieville, expanding the mural map in MHK, and supporting a mural artist!

To apply for this opportunity, submit your application materials online at <https://www.mcfks.org/>
Questions? Please reach out to Kendra Kuhlman at kendrak@mcfks.org