

PLAN: Mattapan Public Art Project

Call for Artists Q&A, March 22 2021

"What materials can be used on the mural and is the artist responsible for coming up with the concept and executing the concept by his/herself? Can this be a group effort from other members within the community i.e. artistic local youths?"

The artist can choose any material compatible with the brick structure and the corrugated metal container surface that it is on the Southern side of the building if the artist chooses to do that side as well.

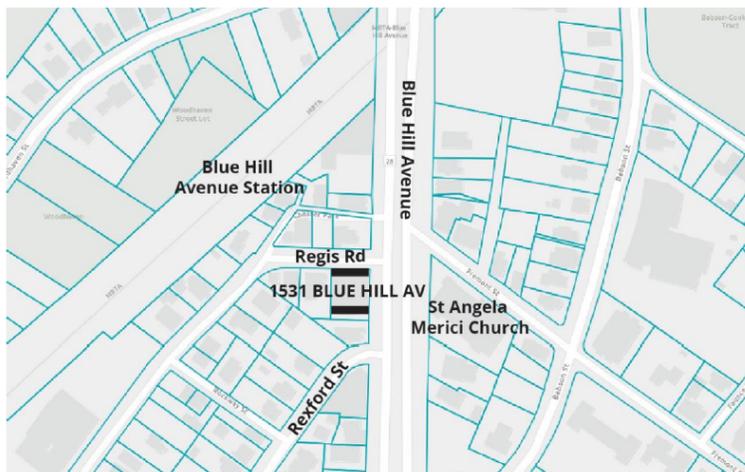
Yes we do encourage group efforts. This Call for Artists is open to all artists, national and international, with a strong preference for artists with a connection to Mattapan.

"Which wall on the building is the canvas? "

The Northern side of the building and then the artist can choose to include the Southern Side as well. Below is a screenshot of our Call for Artists, available for download on [this link](#):

The artist can choose one or both walls.

The BPDA requires that total costs for either or both sides of the building will be less than or equal to \$15,000.



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North Side

Approximated dimensions = 70' width by 15' height

Material: Brick wall



Source: Google Maps

South Side

Storage container approximated dimensions = 40' length by 8' height and 10' width by 8' height

Material: Corrugated Steel

Wall approximated dimensions = 20' width by 12' height

Material: Brick



Source: Kenya Thompson

"Interested artist here but! What are we doing to promote equity in the selection process?"

We are working with guidance from the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC), and both the BPDA and MOAC are highly committed to Equity and Inclusion. Here are a few points for consideration:

- This Call for Artists is open to all artists, national and international, with a strong preference for artists with a connection to Mattapan.
- The Selection Committee is composed of one representative of the property owners and members of the Mattapan Community.
- There is no fee for the application.
- We do not require a design to apply, just a description of the concept.
- Insurance is not required until the artist is selected and we are going through the contract detail.
- We are targeting our outreach broadly to artists networks and neighborhood groups.

"In the budget template, what is the Artist Fee?"

The artist fee is similar to a management fee. Artists can charge for the design and installation as well as part of the other line items.

"I don't know what type of insurance is required and when?"

Artist Insurance is not required to submit an application, however, we will require the insurance for the chosen artist/artist team when proceeding with the contract. For more information about Artist Insurance please visit: <https://springboardforthearts.org/additional-resources/insurance-guide/>

"Could I partner with local groups in Mattapan?"

Yes, we encourage that.

"I am interested in documenting the installation, is there an opportunity for a photographer in this process?"

The documentation is a line item in the proposal's budget. We encourage you to reach out to interested teams and partner with them as part of this Call for Artists. On April 16, 2021 we will publish the Shortlist of Qualified Artists.

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"I am a visual artist with no experience in murals, what do you recommend I do to strengthen my application?"

We recommend that you partner with a muralist. A great contact for you to compliment your own research is Julia Ryan, the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Artist Resource Manager, JULIA.RYAN@BOSTON.GOV.