



## **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**Deadline for Submittal:** June 30, 2021 at 5pm PT

The County of Yolo wishes to expand the public's experience with the visual arts; to make available artwork of the highest quality to enhance the quality of life and to help create a more visually pleasing and humane environment. The County of Yolo is seeking artists or artist teams with experience in the design, fabrication, and installation of public artworks. Artists are asked to submit their qualifications along with a design proposal to be considered for a public art project to be integrated into Yolo Branch Library in Yolo, CA.

YoloArts as the Art in Public Places (APP) consultant is soliciting applicants on behalf of Yolo County for the potential commissioning of the project and is interested in the highest quality artwork that is site-specific and is aligned with the project criteria.

The commission is open to artists in Northern California. Applications will only be accepted through CaFÉ at [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org). Deadline for entries is June 30, 2021 at 5pm PT.

**BUDGET:** \$25,600 is available for all related expenses of this commission(s) including, but not limited to, artist fees, fabrication, insurance, shipping, travel, installation, documentation, etc. The budget of \$25,600 is all inclusive, a proposal should NOT exceed the stated budget amount. The County of Yolo intends to review qualifications and design proposals before determining the total number of pieces to be commissioned. Therefore, artists can submit proposals amounting to less than the total budget.

YoloArts and the County of Yolo reserves the right at any time to supplement, amend, or otherwise modify this RFP as needed.

### **Prospectus:**

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The County of Yolo, in an effort to further their community vision to create a more visually pleasing environment, is seeking permanent work(s) of public art to be integrated into Yolo Branch Library in Yolo, CA.

Local residents and the Yolo County Library recognize there is an urgent need to replace a 100-year old Carnegie library building that has major fire, safety, and environmental deficiencies, with a new library and meeting room for the underserved rural communities of Yolo, Dunnigan and Zamora.

Serving a multicultural and economically challenged community, the new building will provide residents with an additional 2,800 square feet of space for library programming, stable Wi-Fi, access to computers and technology resources, adult literacy tutoring, English as a Second Language programs, Bilingual Storytime, early childhood literacy programs, social activities for adults and seniors, as well as homework help for children and teens.

The new facility will also contain a much-needed community meeting space for library programs, meetings, classes and community services such as food distribution. The library will provide residents with the opportunity to apply for local, state and federal benefit programs and to meet with service providers in person. This new facility will strengthen the library's role as a community gathering place



and hub of civic engagement and education. The County plans to break ground on the new facility in July 2021 with completion of the project predicted for early Summer of 2022.

**Project Criteria:**

The art work selected for the project shall:

- Draw inspiration and context from the place and people of the rural communities of Yolo, Dunnigan and Zamora, which includes acknowledging the region’s agricultural heritage;
- Be reflective of the library’s role as a community gathering place and hub of civic engagement and education;
- Inspire discovery and the creation of new memories among a diverse and multi- generational community;
- Instill community values of respect and appreciation for the indigenous people called the Patwin and their past and continued cultural contribution and preservation of the region’s natural resources;
- Consider the design and architecture of the site.

**Proposed Locations (See attached diagram):**

Three publicly accessible areas of the new facility have been identified by the Art Advisory Committee for public art enhancements within the budget guidelines of this project. These are considered the most suitable for placement of artwork to aesthetically enhance the project for the patrons of the facility. Artist proposals can address one or all three locations. (reference images in Attachment A)

- Exterior Covered Activity Area- West Wall
- Interior Collection Room- North Gable
- Interior Foyer- West Wall

**Schedule:**

June 30, 2021; 5pm PT	RFP submittal deadline
July 2021	Panel Review and Recommendation
August 2021	Recommendation presented to Yolo County Board of Supervisors for final approval
September 2021	Artist(s) Contracted
May 2021	Artwork(s) Installation

**RFP Selection Criteria:**

Professional artists will be invited to submit qualifications and design proposal.

A selection panel will review all artists' qualifications and design proposals, determine and recommend a finalist. Artists will be chosen based on their ability to meeting the following criteria:

- Outstanding innovation, creativity and originality in the development of public art;
- A history of successfully designing and implementing permanent public projects on time and within budget;
- Design excellence in past work, including originality of concept, site contact and quality of workmanship and materials, as evidence in images of completed projects;



- The ability to respond creatively and uniquely to site-specific design challenges, including the social, physical and environmental condition and challenges inherent to each project;
- Expertise in identifying and working with permanent materials appropriate for long-term use in an interior or exterior environment that is subject to varying weather conditions and heavy public access;
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively positively with public agencies, public review processes and community organizations;
- Ability to design art that meets the thematic, project description with artistic merit;
- Ability to meet this project timeline for creation and installation of work.

The panel will review the submissions and recommend design(s) to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

All meetings of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors are open to the public. For meeting schedule please visit the county website at [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org)

All insurance liabilities including liability and the worker's compensation must be met by the artist(s). The final contract(s) will be between the County and the artist(s).

Art that is inherently political, religious or otherwise exclusive of any factor of the social stratum shall be deemed inappropriate for this project.

The selected artist will be required to comply with American Disabilities Act requirements and related federal, state and local codes. All artwork installations must meet stated security requirements and must meet all safety guidelines as outlined by OSHA, local fire and building codes.

### **Security and Safety Considerations**

Areas that have been identified for consideration in this project include locations that are easily accessible to the public. Therefore, attention will be given to the safety and security of patrons of the library in the choice of materials and the installation of the artwork.

### **For Example**

- All artwork must be mounted to the surface in such a manner that it may not be removed, broken, or otherwise altered.
- Artwork may not contain any sharp edges or be fabricated from any materials that may be removed with or without force, be broken off or otherwise altered.

### **Maintenance**

Consideration must be given to maintenance to assure that vandalism or deterioration is not a concern.



## **Submission**

To be considered, applicants must submit:

1. A current resume (three-page maximum)
2. A narrative description- describe your proposed design, materials, and method of integration of the artwork into the Yolo Branch Library.
3. Rendering of proposed design
4. Four (4) images of past work. (teams may submit up to 6 images)
5. Image list (title, media, dimensions, date, budget)
6. Budget

## **Questions:**

All questions shall be directed to Alison Flory, Executive Director, YoloArts.

Email: [aflory@yoloarts.org](mailto:aflory@yoloarts.org) Phone: 916.599.2305

## **Legal**

The selection process for artwork(s) and the award of any contract shall not be based on or give consideration to discrimination of any kind based upon race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability or handicap, marital status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law.

YoloArts and County of Yolo reserve the rights at any time to supplement, amend or otherwise modify this Request for Proposals and to request additional or supplemental information or proposals from any or all participating artists.

In addition, YoloArts may choose to modify any or all proposals or part thereof submitted in connection with this project; waive any defect or technicality; and request new proposals where the acceptance, rejection, waiver or advertisement would be in their best interest of the project.

If, regardless of the reason, the contract for the commission of the artwork is not executed within one hundred eighty days of notification to the selected artist, the rights are reserved to terminate negotiations and negotiate with the next highest ranked proposal with the concurrence of the selection panel.

No late entries, verbal quotes or facsimiles will be accepted.