



Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Deadline for Submittal: July 12, 2024, at 11:59pm MT

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 professional experience in the design, fabrication, and installation of public artworks. Artists and artist teams are asked to submit their qualifications and a short preliminary written proposal to be considered for a public art project to be integrated into Walnut Park Library in Davis, CA.

Through this initial call, the selection committee will select up to five artists to present design proposals. Selected artists will be provided a design stipend to develop a more detailed site-specific proposal. Design proposals will then be presented to the selection committee, where a final design(s) proposal will be selected.

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 and artist teams in the Western United States. Special consideration will be given to artists who have a local connection. Applications will only be accepted through CaFÉ at www.callforentry.org. Deadline for entries is July 12, 2024, at 11:59pm MT.

BUDGET: \$105,653 is available for all related expenses of this commission(s) including, but not limited to, artist fees, fabrication, insurance, engineering, shipping, travel, installation, documentation, etc. The County of Yolo intends to review qualifications before determining the total number of artworks to be commissioned. Therefore, artists can submit a preliminary proposal amounting to less than the total budget if addressing only one location. A submitted preliminary proposal requesting the full budget amount should address more than one site. A proposal should NOT exceed the maximum stated budget amount.

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

Prospectus:

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The County of Yolo and Yolo County Library, in an effort to further their community vision to create a more visually pleasing environment, is seeking permanent works of public art to be integrated into the Walnut Park Library in Woodland, CA.

Since 2001 the County-wide library facility plan has recognized the need for a library South of I-80 in Davis. As an interim solution the South Davis Montgomery Branch has operated out of Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School for 4 hours twice a week since 2010. With the award of a Building Forward Grant from the California State Library in 2022 and a pledge of funds from the City of Davis in 2023 the Walnut Park, stand-alone, library will break ground in 2024.



The 12,000 square-foot building, designed by WMB Architects, will feature a large community room, study rooms, children's, young adult and adult collections, children's areas indoor and out, and a teen space. Located in Walnut Park, the library will be adjacent to Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School, Peregrine School and the park's soccer fields, tennis courts and walking trails along Lillard Drive.

The County of Yolo will break ground in Fall 2024 for the Walnut Park Library in Davis, CA.

Project Criteria:

The artwork(s) shall consider one or more of the following elements:

- Draw inspiration and context from the place and people of the South Davis community, including nearby Putah Creek and surrounding agricultural lands.
- Be reflective of the library's role as a connector of people and ideas, hub of community gathering, and education.
- Provide imagery that is relatable and recognizable to the general public.
- Inspire engagement in reading and storytelling.
- Evoke a sense of comfort for and be inviting to multi-generational visitors.
- Consider the design, architecture and scale of the site and building.

Yolo County Library

Mission: Yolo County Library provides access for all to ideas that inform, entertain, and inspire. *We connect people and ideas.*

Vision: The Yolo County Library strives to bring diverse and dynamic programs and services to its many communities and residents through innovation, communication, engagement, collaboration, and diversity, providing opportunities for everyone to read, grow, discover, and interact with one another and the world at large.

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

Proposed Locations (See attached diagram):

Three publicly accessible areas of the 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 staff and visitors of the library. (See Attachment A for diagram)

- Exterior wall on the south side of the entry plaza
 - Maximum size is 8'x 10'
 - Maximum weight is 1,000 lbs. distributed over four mounting points
- Interior foyer ceiling
 - Maximum size is 35'x10'; Minimum size is 25'x 6'



- Maximum weight is 500 lbs. distributed evenly over the length of the artwork.
- Interior rotating doors at the entrance to the main collection room
 - 3- 8' x 8' panels (one side only)

Schedule:

July 12, 2024: Artist proposals due

July 2024: Art Advisory Committee convenes to review artist proposals and select finalists

August 2024: Finalist materials due and shared with the community

September 2024: Art Advisory Committee review finalist materials and community input

September 2024: Art Advisory Committee recommendation presented to Board of Supervisors

October/November 2024: Artist(s) contract executed

December 2024: Artwork fabrication started

Fall 2024/Spring 2025: Artwork installation Walnut Park Library Branch

Timeline is estimated and may require adjustment based on new construction

RFQ Selection Process and Criteria:

The project is open to experienced professional artists or artist teams in the Western United States. Special consideration will be given to local artists and the application process will give artists the opportunity to describe their connection to the Davis community. All complete submissions, meeting the basic requirements of the project, will be reviewed by the Art Advisory Committee. Each will be reviewed based on the criteria listed below. A group of 3-5 artists will be selected and paid a \$750 stipend to provide site-specific proposals. Site-specific proposals will be made available to the community to provide input. The Arts Advisory Committee will review site specific submissions and input from the community before making a final recommendation for commission(s). The recommendation made by the Art Advisory Committee shall be reviewed and accepted by the County of Yolo Board of Supervisors.

The criteria are as follows:

- 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.

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

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).

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

Attention will be given to the safety and security of employees and visitors to the Walnut Park Library in the choice of materials and the installation of the artwork.

Artwork must be secured in such a manner that it may not be removed or altered. This stipulation shall include all proposed locations.

For example:

- a) All artwork must be securely mounted to the surface in such a manner that it may not be removed, broken, or otherwise altered.
- b) Works made of ceramic or glass must be securely mounted to the surface and/or protected by unbreakable cases (vitrines) or coverings.
- c) 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.
- d) Consideration must be given to maintenance of installations to assure that vandalism or deterioration is not a concern. Graffiti-proof coatings may be required in some instances.

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. Artist Statement: (Maximum 350 words) Include a general introduction to your work. Discuss the concepts and ideas you explore in your artwork and how these ideas and issues are presented. Also, describe any connection you have to the local Davis community. If you are applying as a team, the statement should clearly describe the contribution of each collaborator.



2. Resume: (Maximum 2 pages) Outline your recent experience and accomplishments as an artist. If applying as a team, each member may submit a one-page resume.
3. Samples of your work - a maximum of ten (10) digital image files with corresponding titles to match the Support Description list.
4. Support Description list: (Maximum 2 pages) For each image/file submitted, include relevant project information. For example, list the title, date, size, and medium for studio work. For public art projects include a description, location, budget, and commissioning organization.
5. References: Minimum of three. Include names and contact information (phone, email, address) only.
6. Preliminary Proposal: (Maximum 250 words) Briefly present your preliminary proposed project idea. Describe which location, or a combination of locations your proposed project will focus. The preliminary proposals will give the committee an ability to understand your conceptual thought process and to link your proposal to a specific location. Proposals need not discuss fabrication specifics but should address what types of materials you intend to use in the work and an approximate budget.

Questions:

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

Email: 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.

Attachment A: Walnut Park Library Location Diagram

1. Exterior wall on the south side of the entry plaza
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Art in Public Places Art Plan

Yolo County Library- Walnut Park Branch



3. Interior rotating doors at the entrance to the main collection room
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