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Call Summary: We are seeking talented public artists with mural experience to submit their qualifications. The final project is a large mural to be designed and painted at the Ocean Bowl Skate Park in Downtown Ocean City, MD. Artists who apply must be based in Maryland as funds for the project have been awarded by the Maryland State Arts Council. Skate culture and the importance of the Ocean Bowl Skate Park should be considered in the style and theme of the final design.

Budget and Selection Process:

Stage One: After considering all submitted RFQ's, the selection committee will select three artists to design a mural, paying each artist a design fee of \$2500. These three artists will be expected to create a detailed design of a mural for the Ocean Bowl Skate Park and prepare conceptual drawings of the finished product on the site. The three artists will also be required to submit a budget to complete the designed mural. The Budget should not exceed \$35,000 and should include all related expenses to complete the mural, including but not limited to materials (primer, paint, anti-graffiti coating), equipment, labor, travel expenses, room and board.

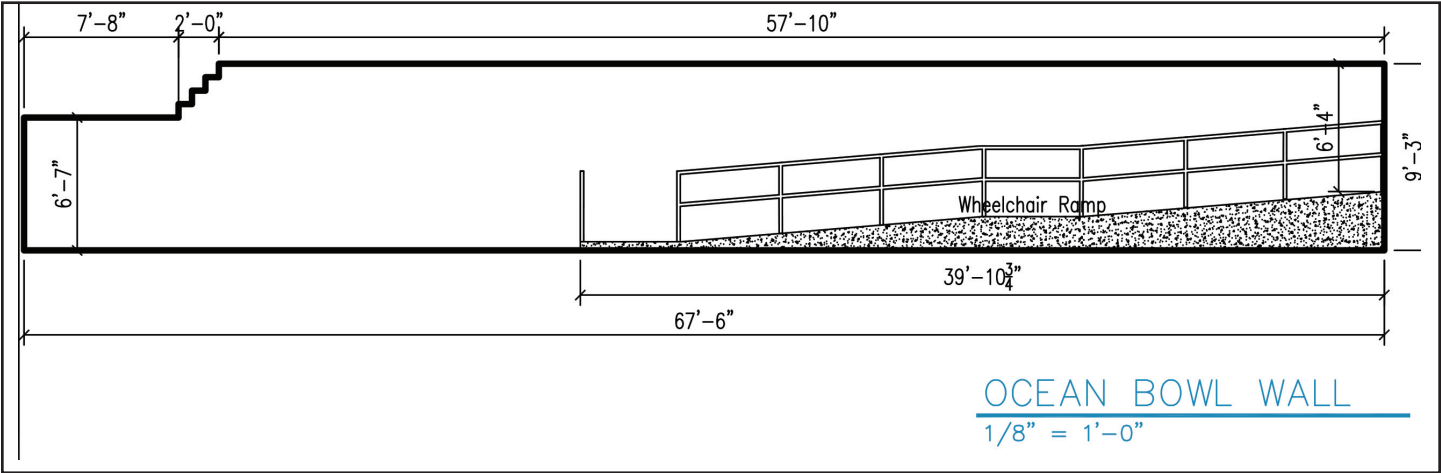
Stage Two: The designs of the three selected artists will be presented to public for comment and the selection committee will make the final decision on which design is commissioned to be completed on site at the skate park (contingent upon OCDC securing appropriate grant funding).

Site History: The Ocean Bowl Skate Park is the oldest operating municipal skate parking in the United States. The Park is a point of pride and has high cultural and historical value for many residences of Ocean City and the surrounding area. It has had numerous expansions over the years to reflect evolutions in the sport of skateboarding. The Ocean Bowl Skate Park has been a breeding ground for “local legends” and hosted numerous professional skateboarders over the years.



Black dots represent approximate location of future wheelchair ramp and railing.

Location: The Downtown Recreation Complex and Ocean Bowl Skate Park are currently undergoing major renovations. The mural to be designed will be on a concrete block wall at the North East Corner of the intersection of St. Louis Ave and 3rd Street. Artist can expect their work to be at a highly visible location, both from park attendees, pedestrians, and auto traffic.



Site Description and Design Requirements: The wall is roughly 68 feet wide and 9 feet high. Park renovations will include the installation of a wheelchair ramp and railing; the vertical face of the ramp may be incorporated in the final design of the mural. The wall currently features sign letters reading, “Ocean Bowl Skate Park”; these sign letters either need to be incorporated in the final design or the words “Ocean Bowl Skate Park” need to be featured in the final design. Any necessary masonry repairs will be completed prior to the artist working on the mural.

Maryland Residency Eligibility: Lead artist must be a Maryland resident (owning or renting residential real property in Maryland at the time of submission of the application and throughout the funded project or program) and must be 18 years of age or older. Collaborative groups must be composed of artists who are 18 years or older. 50% of artists in a collaborative group must meet the residency requirement above.

Application Requirement:

- Examples of Work — 5 to 10 examples, finished physical examples are preferred but not required.
- Resume or CV — no more than 3 pages
- Letter of Interest — no more than 500 words, exploring why this particular project interest you, your vision for the potential vision for the project, and highlighting any relevant experience you may have.
- References
- Contact Information — may be included in the CV or attached separately

Timeline: Schedule is subject to change

- July 14, 2023 — Publication of Call to Artist
- August 13, 2023 — Call to Artist Ends
- August 18, 2023 — Three Artists are selected to design murals
- September 28, 2023 — Mural Concepts and Budgets due (\$2500 award paid upon delivery of concept and budget)
- October 6, 2023 — Mural Designs exhibited to the public
- Oct 10, 2023 — Selection Committee chooses one design to commission***
- Spring or Fall 2024 — Mural to be completed****

***Final commission is contingent on OCDC securing grant funding.

****Completion Date will vary based on renovation schedule of the park.

Funding and Partnerships: This opportunity is made available by the Ocean City Development Corporation (a non-profit community development corporation) in conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's Recreation and Parks Department, with grant funding through the Maryland State Arts Council. Community Partners in the project include the Downtown Association and the Art League of Ocean City.

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