



Growers & Makers
Marketplace

Request for Proposals

Project Description

Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace is a newly constructed 20,000 square foot local food processing facility, cooking demonstration kitchen and indoor winter marketplace for growers and makers, established by a cadre of thinkers over the last 6 years who hosted its grand opening April 1, 2016.

Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace offers a unique community engagement setting that creatively engages residents to design projects and intrinsic/social programming at a one-of-a-kind regional space where art/culture/food increase cultural appreciation and offer positive economic impacts.

Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace is commissioning art that will reside at the Sprout Marketplace to allow for ongoing conversation and appreciation of diverse cultural heritage.

Artist shall create an original work within the Artist's creative discretion, that is of a suitable subject matter, nature and medium for public display.

Project Criteria

Eligible artists:

- Must reside in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd or Wadena counties and/or be within a 100 mile radius of the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace in Little Falls, MN
- Artists from culturally diverse communities (Amish, Latino, Native American, East African, Grower or Youth) will be given first consideration
- The proposed design will be within the artist's creative discretion, however, the work may not be deemed generally offensive or obscene and must be of a suitable subject matter, nature and medium for public display

- The artist should consider the project's placement at the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace
- Public safety is important and the project must meet or exceed standards for public safety.
- The duration for completing the work shall be 2-4 months after a fully executed agreement is in place between the artist and Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace
- Artist must be able to deliver the work of art to the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace
- Collaborative proposals including two or more eligible artists are welcome

Application Requirements

Proposal Application

Narrative- should include description of work

Budget- including cost of materials, artist time, transportation of work to Marketplace

Drawings and or renderings of the proposed art

Timeline and implementation plan

Images from work samples (2-5 images)

3 Professional References

Budget

Up to \$5000.00 is available for all expenses related to this commission, including artist fees, materials, fabrication, finishes, engineering, travel, documentation and all other associated expenses. This project is funded by ArtplaceAmerica.

Selection Process

The artist will be selected by a six-member Seed Team Committee, made up of representatives from Sprout MN and Region Five Development Commission.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Strong visual presence
- Creativity of approach
- Appropriateness of proposed work to site
- Amish, Native American, Latino, East African, Grower or Youth cultural connection(s)
- Aesthetic quality
- Maintenance requirements
- Public Safety
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with Sprout MN and Region Five Development Commission (R5DC)
- Professional references

- Probability of successful completion of the art as determined by the selection committee

Selected Artists

The selected artist(s) will enter into an agreement with R5DC, which includes a ¼ - ¾ payment plan for anticipated schedule of the work. The artist(s) will transfer title and ownership rights of the work to R5DC upon receipt of final payment from R5DC pursuant to the agreement.

Schedule

Application Deadline and Review- Ongoing

Once application is received and reviewed:

- offer made to selected artist(s). Non-selected artists will be notified by email
- Agreement executed/finalized and announcement is made to the general public
- First payment submitted to artist(s) and work may begin

Project completion deadline- we will work with each artist to determine a reasonable date of completion

Public reveal at Sprout Growers and Makers Marketplace event

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Espe, Region Five Development Commission at despe@regionfive.org / 218-894-6013 or Natalie Keane, Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace at natalie@sproutmn.com / 712-899-2268.