

Mary Alice Warren Community Center Mural Call for Artists

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CALL FOR ARTISTS

PUBLIC ART OPEN CALL

Submittal Deadline: December 1, 2024

Project Deadline: May 10, 2025

Submittals Accepted Electronically Only: publicart@lewisvillenc.net

Total Project Budget: \$2,500

Overview

Through a grant from the Shallow Ford Foundation and town funding, The Lewisville Public Art Advisory Committee is seeking an artist or artist team to submit a proposal for a permanent, indoor mural for the Town of Lewisville to be installed in the Mary Alice Warren Community Center.

About Mary Alice Warren Community Center

The Mary Alice Warren Community Center is a 12,000 square-foot center that includes a multi-purpose conference room used for meal set-up, events, receptions, parties, and classes. The building includes an arts and crafts room, a small conference room, a large atrium area with a fireplace and a covered porch with an outdoor fireplace facing the wooded landscape. In addition, the new facility includes a large, covered patio.

Public Art themes suggested by the citizens of Lewisville include, but are not limited to: nature (plants, flowers, animals, etc.), music, and family. Also included are suggestions of incorporating history, this could somehow include a “gateway to the Shallowford” or the theme of “crossing the Shallowford.” However we suggest that you not get caught up on the theme of solely a wagon. Of course, artistic ideas rest in your hands and we look forward to your submission.

Project Budget

The total amount to be paid to the artist is up to \$2,500, inclusive of the research, engagement, proposal, fabrication, materials, travel and any other costs incurred by the artist.

Artist Eligibility

Artist/Artist team **MUST be a Lewisville, NC resident**. Artists submit a detailed design proposal as well as examples of past work. Artist must be available for the mural reception on May 16, 2025; 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

Project Measurements and Placement

The mural should fit with an 8.5 feet by 3.5 feet space located in an alcove off the main entrance of the Mary Alice Warren Community Center (see attached photo of location and measurements). The mural will be created by the artist offsite (as one large piece or in panels, in any medium) and then installed by town staff once completed. We highly encourage artists to visit the Community Center to see the location in person.

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Special Notes: The mural must have a long lifespan without needed maintenance – Art must be durable and have no points or sharp edges than can pose a hazard to curious children and other visitors. We recommend the artist apply a protectant or sealant to final artwork for extra durability as the location is near a sink.

Artist and Selection Process

The Lewisville Public Art Advisory Committee will evaluate all proposals on artistic merit and viability. Their chosen artist's proposal will be recommended to the Lewisville Town Council, which will vote on whether to approve the proposal. Artist(s) will be asked to enter into a contract with the Town of Lewisville. The contract will outline project milestones and a payment schedule.

How to Apply and What to Submit

Electronic submissions only through email. **Please send the following as attachments to publicart@lewisvillenc.net**

- Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, and Phone Number
- *Proposed Artwork:* Include a conceptual project proposal that communicates how your proposed artwork would look upon completion. **Please be as detailed as possible** with sketches, colors, media/materials used, etc.
- *Past Work Samples:* Submit 3-5 images with descriptions of relevant past artwork including year created, materials, and location (if applicable).
- *Artist Biography:* Submit an artist biography or resume including background information such as education, artistic interest, professional experience, and/or past commissions.

Proposed Timeline

- Deadline for proposals: December 1, 2024 by 1:00 pm
- The Public Art Advisory Committee will choose the artist(s) and develop a recommendation for Town Council: December 2, 2024
- Recommendation submitted to Town Council for approval or input: December 5, 2024
- Notification to proceed to selected artist: December 9, 2024
- Check-in timeline to be addressed in artist contract
- Mural completion deadline: May 10, 2025
- Reception and artist meet-and-greet: May 16, 2025; 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Questions shall be submitted via email to publicart@lewisvillenc.net

