



## **SF LGBT Center Gift Recognition: Call for Artists**

The SF LGBT Center is seeking artists' proposals for an art piece in the Center at 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. The piece will be on the first-floor lobby, and the project area measures approximately 28 x 41 feet. The art piece is part of a special Donor Recognition Project. The design needs to be adaptable and expandable, and it will have to feature hundreds of donors' names. The installation will occur over several phases between January 2025 through June 2026. We anticipate future add-ons, as well as regular upkeep. Note: Due to the size and concept of the project, the proposed timeline is subject to change.

After the initial application closes, more information on the art piece's purpose will be provided to all finalists.

Artists are invited to submit an initial application that includes their resume, portfolio, and artist statement. From there, selected finalists will be invited to submit a design concept proposal that is conceptually, aesthetically, and technically compelling. Guidelines on the concept, lobby pictures, and additional information will be provided during this phase. Concept proposals should focus on the Center's Donor Recognition Project, as well as reflect the Center's values and mission. After all submissions have been reviewed, the selected artist will be responsible for installing the artwork and be required to provide evidence of general liability insurance, and workers' compensation (if applicable) per the terms of the contractor's agreement.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

This request for proposals is open to professional artists living and producing art in the Bay Area, California. LGBTQ+, BIPOC, Trans, non-binary, and women artists are encouraged to apply. Qualified artists will have experience and capability to conceptualize, design, and install a large art piece in a highly visible and challenging location.

### **BUDGET:**

After the initial application closes, Finalists will be invited to submit a draft design and a budget and present their case to a subcommittee. The budget is intended to cover all project costs including design, installation, materials, equipment, protective coating, and insurance.



#### SELECTION PROCESS:

The Selection Committee will convene to review submissions through this call for artists. The Committee will pick three finalists who will be invited to submit a draft design concept and present it to the Selection Committee for final consideration. Each finalist will receive an honorarium of \$400 in recognition of their time spent creating and presenting their draft designs. The artists will be evaluated on their application, artist statement, artist portfolio which should include photos of past projects, and draft design concept (if selected as a finalist). The Selection Committee will take the following criteria into special consideration:

- Proven artistic merit and strong professional qualifications, as demonstrated through a portfolio of previous similar installations
- Conceptually, aesthetically, and technically compelling design that is easily expandable to include new donors' names
- Potential for long-term commitment to the project
- Artist's ability to reflect the Center's mission and values through original content while highlighting our donors' contributions in a creative and meaningful way
- Consideration of the challenge of the painting site, scale of the art piece, and audience that may encounter the art piece

#### APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINE:

Applications must be submitted through the [online form](#). Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applications must be received by 11:59PM (PDT) September 30th, 2023.

#### MURAL PROJECT SCHEDULE:

August 31, 2023	RFP Released
September 30, 2023	Application deadline
October 15-29, 2023	Committee to pick the finalists
November 30, 2023	Deadline for finalists' concept drafts
December 23, 2023	Committee to pick the Donor Recognition Project Artist
January 2025-June 2025	First phase of installation
July 2025- December 2025	Second phase of installation
January 2026- June 2026	Final phase of installation

#### QUESTIONS:

For all questions related to this RFP, please contact Karine Cordani, Executive Assistant, [Karinec@sfcenter.org](mailto:Karinec@sfcenter.org) or 415-865-5632.

#### 2023 DONOR RECOGNITION LANDING PAGE:

<https://www.sfcenter.org/sf-lgbt-center-gift-recognition-call-for-artists/>