



**City of Takoma Park Maryland  
Takoma Park Arts Public Art Project  
Lincoln Avenue Mural Call for Entries**

**Submission Deadline: March 2, 2020  
All-Inclusive Budget: Up to \$25,000**

The City of Takoma Park is seeking submissions from artists for a mural covering sections of a concrete retaining wall stretching three blocks along Lincoln Avenue in Takoma Park, Md. The project is part of the City's ongoing commitment to public art that can be enjoyed by everyone. For more info about our public art program and examples of previous projects, go to <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/public-art/>.

All proposals must be submitted through an online submission form at [muralform.takomaparkmd.gov](http://muralform.takomaparkmd.gov). Takoma Park City staff and the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission will review the submissions and select the artist(s) for the project. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

**Theme**

All proposals must be unique and original. Selection of a theme and/or subject matter for the design is left up to each artist. It is encouraged that the submitted design reflect the historical or cultural character of Takoma Park in some way. The entire wall sections do not need to be painted, but the design must be cohesive across the entire length of the mural.

The selected artist or artist team must be available for meeting with neighbors along the wall that would be arranged by City staff. Artists also must be willing to consider design changes after seeking community input. The Arts and Humanities Commission and City staff will have final approval over any proposed design changes in consultation with the selected artist(s).

**Eligibility**

The call is open to any artists 18 years old or older, and artist teams are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to artist(s) with prior experience and a track record of successfully completed public art projects. City of Takoma Park employees are not eligible to apply.

## **Budget**

The all-inclusive payment for this project is up to \$25,000. The selected artist(s) must include a bid amount with their submission. The selected artist(s) is responsible for all expenses, including travel, liability insurance, materials, labor, or any other costs associated with the project. Half of the payment will be made after the signing of the contract, and the remaining half of the payment will be paid after the mural is completed and approved by City staff.

## **Location**

The mural will cover five sections of a new concrete retaining wall built next to a sidewalk on Lincoln Avenue between Jackson Avenue and Larch Avenue. The wall is divided into sections along three blocks but does not cover the entire distance of those blocks (see photos of some sections below). The wall sections are approximately 3 feet tall and 1 foot deep. The top of the wall abuts the front yards of neighbors' homes while the bottom of the wall connects to the sidewalk. The approximate length of each wall section is the following:

- (1) 155 feet of wall with an additional 60 feet of standard-height curb
- (2) 132 feet of wall
- (3) 118 feet of wall
- (4) 80 feet of wall
- (5) 90 feet of wall with a short section of standard-height curb

## **Contracts**

The contract will be approved by the Takoma Park City Council and contracted through the City of Takoma Park. The City of Takoma Park reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the proposals for any reason.

## **Submission Requirements**

Artists must complete the online submission form at [muralform.takomaparkmd.gov](http://muralform.takomaparkmd.gov) with the requested information, including the following attachments to the online form:

- (1) One-page cover letter about artist's experience and ideas relating to submitted design.
- (2) Three to five high-res images of sketches or mock-ups of design proposal that are merged into one jpg or PDF. Some images should be details of different sections of the wall. The file should be titled Mural Design\_Your Name (e.g. Mural Design\_Jane Jones).
- (3) Brief summary of up to 5 prior public art projects in a Word document or PDF titled Public Art Projects\_Your Name. Please include 5 to 10 images of the prior projects embedded within the single PDF or Word document.

**Applicants will be notified about their status by April 2, 2020. Work on the project should be underway by or before May 18, 2020.**

**Any questions should be directed to** Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith at [brendans@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:brendans@takomaparkmd.gov) or (301) 891-7266.

## Wall Images

All sections of the wall are not included in the photos. See dimensions of wall sections above.

