

**Community Services Department  
Arts & Culture Division**

**SUNDANCE RECREATION CENTER MURALS  
CALL TO ARTISTS  
FY 2024**

**Description:**

The city of Buckeye invites Arizona-based artists, groups, or organizations to submit qualifications to create 2D mural designs for Sundance Recreation Center. Artists will transform the two accordion-like upper walls which are above the entrances of room 1 and 2 into two murals which play a trick on the eye, offering a change in perspective from different vantage points. The theme for these murals is “recreation in motion.” Two artists will be chosen as finalists and asked to develop a design, which will earn them \$1,000 each. The artist whose work is chosen by the Community Services Advisory Board and the stakeholders will advance into production.

**Locations:**

Sundance Recreation Center, 21765 W Yuma Rd #106, Buckeye, AZ, 85326, will house the two murals.





The two murals will be painted on the upper wall in front of doors 1 and 2. The signs for 1 and 2 will be moved out of the project's area.

**Artist Expectations:**

Artists will submit a portfolio of five works that show their ability to follow through with creating designs of a similar nature to the project.

If chosen to create a design, the artist will:

- Visit the location prior to beginning their design process.
- Attend an informational meeting.
- Engage with the community to determine what is wanted and write a short report putting forth their design idea.
- Meet with the stakeholders about the content of their design.
- Attend a meeting of the Subcommittee of Arts & Culture for the Community Services Advisory Board in February 2025 to represent their design and community engagement.

If chosen to paint the mural, the artist will:

- Work closely with the stakeholders and Buckeye's Arts and Culture Manager in developing their design.

Please note:

- If a finalist is unable to complete their project, the alternate may be called on to step in for that artist using their own design.

**Themes:**

Artists will create a mural inspired by the concept of recreation in motion. Artists are encouraged to consider the full use of this recreational center, which offers classes in sports, karate, and dance, among other things.

The art should be graphically clear so that a passing viewer can discern what is being represented.

**Artist Eligibility:**

The project is open to all artists, artist teams, and educational institutions who are in Arizona.

**Compensation:**

Two artists will be compensated \$1,000 each for design, materials, time, and any travel to and from Buckeye. The artist who moves forward and paints the mural will be compensated an additional \$8,500 for painting, design, materials, time, and any travel to and from Buckeye. Payment schedule:

- Upon selection, two artists will receive an initial payment of \$500
- Upon completion of the original design, the artists will receive a payment of \$500
- Following the second presentation to the Subcommittee, the artist chosen to move forward will receive \$4,250
- Final payment of \$4,250 payable upon completion of the mural

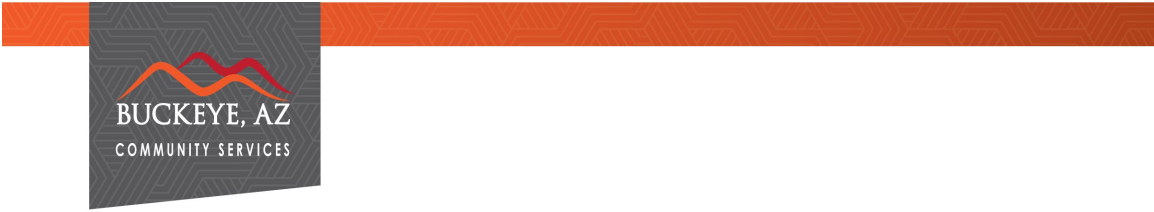
The City of Buckeye will provide the necessary funds for removing the “1” and “2” signs from their current position before the artist starts their work.

### To Apply:

Interested artists shall submit their application that includes the following submission materials no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at **11:59 p.m., Arizona time**.

#### Submission Materials:

- Contact information
- Artistic practice & background (500 words max)
  - Tell us about your artwork and creative practice: what artistic mediums do you use, what content do you work with, what is your style, your artistic values and/or your approach to creating art.
  - Tell us about your experience and qualifications for this project: have you completed any similar projects in the past, received accolades from your work, or trained to develop expertise in your field?
- Interest and community connection (500 words max)
  - Why are you interested in this project? Do you live in a community or have a connection to a community or arts organization in Buckeye?
  - How have you successfully engaged community to influence your work and/or what skills or experience do you have to engage community for this project? How would you approach receiving input from the community and stakeholders and how will that input be represented in the final artwork?
- Thoughts on how you will approach design and how you intend to represent the theme of recreation in motion while providing a perspective-shift with your art (500 words max).
- Five past work samples
  - Include image number, title or artwork, date completed, materials used, and size/scale.
  - File names should be labeled [Image #\_Last Name or Image #\_Group Name].
  - File formats accepted
    - Images (.jpg or .png)
    - Video (.move or .mp4) – video should not exceed two minutes, only first two minutes will be viewed if time is exceeded



Submission must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. Materials may only be submitted electronically via email.

**Submit To:** [ArtsandCulture@buckeyeaz.gov](mailto:ArtsandCulture@buckeyeaz.gov). Submissions that are incomplete or late will not be accepted.

**Review Process & Timeline:**

Upon receipt of the submissions, the Arts and Culture Manager will review the applications to ensure completeness of information. Depending on submissions, the Arts and Culture Manager will short-list the applications and will submit to the subcommittee for Arts and Culture from the City’s Community Services Advisory Board. The selection committee, representing diverse interests and expertise of the City and community, will convene to review images and information sent by artists and/or artist teams. Selected artists would then sign a contract and begin working on their design, which would be reviewed through the artist’s chosen process for community and stakeholder input to ensure the artwork reflects community values and aesthetics. Once the two artists have a final draft of the art, it will be submitted to the subcommittee for their review and recommendation, which will then be presented to the Community Services Advisory Board for a motion to approve. The artist chosen to proceed will paint their murals, mindful of the times the center is open and painting only when the center is closed, due to safety issues. This is anticipated to be after 7 p.m. on weeknights and Saturdays and all day on Sundays.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:
- Quality, creativity, and strength of work samples (40%)
  - Alignment with project goals (20%)
  - Demonstrated experience, interest, and qualifications to complete project (20%)
  - Ability to engage community and stakeholders in design phase (20%)

**Project Timeline:**

Call to Artist – RFQ Released	October 15, 2024
Application Deadline for Call to Artist	November 15, 2024
Arts and Culture Subcommittee Panel Review	January 2024
Organizational Meeting & Training	January 2024



Site Visit & Community / Stakeholder Engagement	January 2025
1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Designs Due	February 9, 2025
Design Presentation to CSAB Subcommittee and Stakeholders for Input & Finalization	February 2025
Community Services Advisory Board Approval	March 19, 2025
Chosen Artist Develops Design with Stakeholders	March 2025
Mural is painted and completed	April / May 2025

**Selected Artists Responsibility:**

- Selected artists shall sign an agreement for the scope of services that include:
  - Intellectual property rights to the art for display and marketing to the city of Buckeye.
  - Indemnification and hold harmless for the city of Buckeye
- Any images of real people or text that requires a release will be the responsibility of the artist to obtain and provide a copy to the City.
- Selected artist shall submit a W9 to the City for payment.
- Artist compensation includes all services and materials, including travel to Buckeye:
  - Total artist’s compensation for initial design: \$1,000 each
  - Total artist’s compensation for murals, not including initial design: \$8,500

If you have any questions, contact Ilana Lydia Holden, Manager of Arts & Culture for the City of Buckeye, at 602-342-4399, or at [iholden@buckeyeaz.gov](mailto:iholden@buckeyeaz.gov).