

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM ARTISTS AND ARTIST COLLECTIVES:

Centretown Community Health Centre (CCHC) is one of a network of community health centres providing community-based health and social services across Ontario. Located on traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People, in Centretown, central Ottawa, CCHC is part of a vibrant and diverse urban community. For more information about Centretown Community Health Centre and our vision, mission and values, please visit www.centretownchc.org.

Over the course of the last two years, the Centre has been under renovations, revitalizing the space in order to better meet the needs of our diverse client groups. Renovations are now completed and we are looking to incorporate signature artwork and art pieces into our newly redesigned space.

Our goal in this call for proposals is to encourage diverse artists and/or artist collectives to come forward with innovative, creative proposals that speak to the mission and values of our Centre. The finished art works will create a distinctive aesthetic experience for clients, staff and volunteers. It is the Centre's vision that works of public art will reflect the diversity of community residents, animate and landmark spaces within the building, and inspire curiosity, wonder, conversation and connection. The artist or artist group selected for this work will ensure the creation of a signature presence for the building and communities CCHC serves.

CCHC is seeking proposals from local community artists and/or artist groups to support the creation of and installation of these public works.

Description of Opportunity:

Key activities:

- 1) Facilitate a process to include community (clients, staff, volunteers, partners and stakeholders) in the conceptualization of permanent art work/art installations for key focal points/areas within Centretown Community Health Centre's newly renovated Centre.
- 2) Design and create and install permanent art work/art installations based on themes/ideas that have emerged from community.

*Main areas for public artwork include (but is not limited to as the artist(s) may suggest options we have not thought of):

- The Centre's main lobby space (large open space)
- Main wall in primary care waiting area

Design Requirements:

The completed works of art will:

- Reflect the communities we serve, the passion and commitment of our staff and volunteers, and reflect our core values of health equity
- Have enduring appeal
- Express the spirit of the Centre and be engaging to all users of the Centre (young and old alike)
- Be accessible and safe (i.e. no sharp/cutting edges)
- Be durable and easily maintained

Selection of the Artist(s) for this project will be made by a multi-disciplinary committee of staff, community members and project consultants.

Budget:

The preliminary budget for this work is \$30,000 and is to include artist's fees, all materials, mounting, assembly and installation. Included in this amount is the time allocated to the community engagement process re: conceptualization of signature permanent public artwork within the Centre.

Timeline for work completion:

Centretown Community Health Centre will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in mid-November, 2019, and as such, the hope is to have core elements of the work installed and completed by that time.

Artist selection/award of the project is anticipated for early August. A work schedule will be determined in consultations between CCHC and the winning Artist(s). Artists should expect the process to be collaborative and to anticipate consultations with CCHC Art Advisory Committee as well as CCHC leadership team. The schedule will include at least one key milestone review, mid-progress, either at CCHC or in the Artist's studio.

The commissioned Artist(s) will be expected to enter into a contract to articulate expectations, work process, payment arrangements, warranties and insurance, etc.

Submissions:

Artists and/or artist groups are invited to schedule an appointment to visit CCHC to view the space. Proposals are to include the following:

- a. Contact information providing Artist's name (or Artists' names), address, telephone number and email address

- b. Draft outline of process and budget for facilitating community involvement in the conceptualization of the Centre's public and permanent artwork including past experience facilitating such a process
- c. Upon viewing CCHC's site, outline ideas with regards to types of artwork envisioned (ie mural/sculptural) and in what spaces within the Centre (include preliminary budget)
- d. Brief Bio –one page, or one page per Artist if Artists are collaborating
- e. Digital images of up to 10 previously completed works
- f. 2 to 3 references for previous public art commissions, including name and contact information

Please submit proposals in USB Flash drive or via Wetransfer.com or deliver to Centretown Community Health Centre:

Centretown Community Health Centre
420 Cooper Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K2P 2N6
Attn: specialprojects@centretownchc.org

The deadline for submissions is August 9th 2019 at 5pm.

Centretown welcomes applications from all artists, including artists from Trans, Two-spirit, Intersex and Gender Diverse communities; racialized communities; First Nations, Métis and Inuit artists, Francophone artists, as well as those with visible and invisible disabilities.

For more information on this opportunity, email us at specialprojects@centretownchc.org