



MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

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BLINK Temporary Public Art Opportunities



Moving Though Time and Space: Nature is Healing, Angela Johnson, 2021, Olbrich Gardens.

What is BLINK?

BLINK is a program of the Madison Arts Commission to support temporary public art in Madison. We invite artists to propose temporary works to pop up in unsuspecting places in the community. We commission projects for up to \$1,500. Projects must be accessible to the public.

Questions?

Please contact Madison Arts staff with any questions by emailing madisonarts@cityofmadison.com



Rain, Nadia Niggli, 2014, Vilas Park.

Before You Apply

The Madison Arts Commission (MAC) is looking for proposals that are high quality, unique, temporary, and publicly accessible. Accepted works will be considered a commissioned piece of public art. You are not receiving a grant. You are selling MAC a temporary public art project for our collection.

Consider the following before applying:

Location: You are responsible for proposing the location for your work. The size and scale of the artwork must fit the proposed surrounding. Find out who owns the site (i.e. city, state, or a private), as you must have permission of the property owner to create your work. Your proposal will be more competitive if you have received permission from the property owner before applying. If MAC approves to fund your proposal, you will need to send proof of permission to use the site before the project can begin.

Safety & Access: Your project needs to follow all laws and regulations for structure, safety, disability access, and any other regulations as they apply. Artwork is not exempt from these legal requirements.

Community Support: Contact key members of the community or special interest groups where the project will occur to secure support.

Project Cost: You will be responsible for all costs associated with the project. This may include costs of creation, installation, maintenance, general liability insurance, permits, fees, de-installation, site restoration, engineering review (if required) etc. Include all costs in your budget. BLINK commissions are funded up to \$1,500. If your project cost exceeds \$1,500, e-mail madisonarts@cityofmadison.com for prior authorization before applying.

APPLY

- Applications will be reviewed until our BLINK budget is spent.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Those submitted February-April will be reviewed in May.
- Submit applications using Airtable at: <https://airtable.com/app44zFyeX4Qm1wgp/pagZ5OuPx2n44m4T7/form>
- The application requires an artist resume/CV, images of the proposed work, 5 work samples, and an image list.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be either a Madison resident or a non-profit organization based in Madison. City staff, Madison Arts Commissioners, and board members of the Friends of Madison Arts Commission are not eligible to apply.
- You CAN use funds for artist fees, production, marketing, expendable materials, etc.
- You CANNOT use funds for prizes, awards, tuition, costs not in your proposal, permanent equipment, travel outside the City of Madison, refreshments, or debts from past activities.
- Quality must be of the highest standard, including design, materials, craftsmanship, and assembly.
- Projects must be in place within six months of acceptance. If you need more time, you can request an extension by emailing madisonarts@cityofmadison.com.

SCORING

Artistic Merit:

- Idea and meaning of the artwork.
- How well the media or materials relate to the idea.
- Visual impact including color, form, and composition.
- How well the artwork fits the space.

Feasibility:

- Durability
- Public safety and insurance risk assessment
- Maintenance obligation

Artist's Experience:

- Training and experience
- Money management
- Technical competence and craft experience



Seed Pod, Brenda Baker, 2013, Olin Terrace. Photo: Eric Baillies

REVIEW & NOTIFICATION

Staff will confirm when your application is received and notify you when your application will be reviewed. Your application may first be reviewed by the Public Art Subcommittee, and then voted on by the Madison Arts Commission. After it is reviewed by MAC, staff will contact you with the next steps.

REQUIRED CREDIT LANGUAGE

All promotional material must say that the project is a BLINK temporary public art project funded by the Madison Arts Commission and display the MAC logo, available at cityofmadison.com/artsgrants.

FINAL REPORTING & PAYMENT

To receive payment, you must submit:

- Final report form at <https://airtable.com/app44zFyeX4Qm1wgp/shrrjHbpOyjpHHNZ> which includes testimonials, images of the project, and a final expense report
- Payment forms

Compliance

REQUIREMENTS (if you are awarded MAC grant funds):

Grantees must comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances and codes. You must assume full liability and responsibility for the conduct of the project and agree to indemnify the City of Madison, its employees, and representatives for any sum which the City, its employees and representatives may become liable to pay in consequence of activity under the project. You must observe Madison General Ordinance (MGO) Sec. 39.03 (Equal Opportunities Ordinance), regarding your staff and the public availability of your performance or display spaces. This ordinance requires equal opportunities in housing, employment, public accommodations and city facilities and credit to person without regard to sex, race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap, marital record, less than honorable discharge, physical appearance, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or the fact that such person is a student. (You may request a copy of the ordinance from the Madison Arts Commission office.)

Nondiscrimination Based on Disability. Contractor shall comply with Section 39.05, Madison General Ordinances, "Nondiscrimination Based on Disability in City-Assisted Programs and Activities." Under section 39.05(7) of the Madison General Ordinances, no City financial assistance shall be granted unless an Assurance of Compliance with Sec. 39.05 is provided by the applicant or recipient, prior to the granting of the City financial assistance.

Contractor hereby makes the following assurances: Contractor assures and certifies that it will comply with section 39.05 of the Madison General

Ordinances, "Nondiscrimination Based on Disability in City Facilities and City-Assisted Programs and Activities," and agrees to ensure that any subcontractor who performs any part of this agreement complies with sec. 39.05, where applicable. This includes but is not limited to assuring compliance by the Contractor and any subcontractor, with section 39.05(4) of the Madison General Ordinances, "Discriminatory Actions Prohibited."

Contractor may not, in providing any aid, benefit or service, directly or through contractual, licensing or other arrangements, violate the prohibitions in Section 39.05(4), listed below:

Discriminatory Actions Prohibited: Contractor assures that, in providing any aid, benefit, or service, it shall not, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, on the basis of disability:

1. Deny a qualified person with a disability the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service;
2. Afford a qualified person with a disability an opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service, or the City facility, that is not equal to that afforded others;
3. Provide a qualified person with a disability with a City facility or an aid, benefit, or service that is not as effective as that provided to others;
4. Provide different or separate City facilities, or aid, benefits, or services to persons with a disability or to any class of persons with disabilities unless such action is necessary to provide qualified persons with a disability with City facilities, aid, benefits, or services that are as effective as those provided to others;

5. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against a qualified person with a disability by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of disability in providing any aid, benefit, or service to beneficiaries of the recipient's program;

6. Deny a qualified person with a disability the opportunity to participate as a member of planning or advisory boards; or

7. Otherwise limit a qualified person with a disability in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others receiving an aid, benefit, or service from a recipient, or by others using City facilities.

Contractor shall post notices in an accessible format to applicants, beneficiaries, and other persons, describing the applicable provisions of Sec. 39.05 of the Madison General Ordinances, in the manner prescribed by section 711 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USCA Sec 2000e-10).

Notice Regarding Lobbying Ordinance: If you are seeking a grant from the City with a value of over \$10,000, then you are likely subject to Madison's lobbying ordinance, sec. 2.40 MGO. You are required to register and report your lobbying. Consult the City Clerk for more information. Failure to comply with the lobbying ordinance may result in fines of \$1,000 to \$5,000.

**INCOMPLETE
Applications Will
Not be Considered**