

# Civic Art Program

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## **CALLING SAN PEDRO ARTISTS REQUEST FOR ARTIST QUALIFICATIONS San Pedro Service Center**



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### **OVERVIEW**

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Civic Art Program is seeking an artist or artist team to design and execute an exterior mural for the San Pedro Service Center in downtown San Pedro (769 West Third Street). This opportunity is open to artists who live or work in San Pedro, and who have a strong affinity with the San Pedro community. This is also a great opportunity to involve youth in the design and/or implementation of the artwork.

### **BUDGET**

An all-inclusive budget of \$13,500 includes artist fees, liability insurance, fabrication and installation.

### **SAN PEDRO AREA**

San Pedro is a neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles located at the southern tip of Los Angeles County. It was annexed by the City in 1909, shortly after the busy Port of Los Angeles opened in San Pedro Bay. It is an ethnically diverse community with a rich history and has a population of 72,000.



Exterior wall facing the Center's patio – possible art site.

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## THE SAN PEDRO SERVICE CENTER AND ITS RENOVATION

The San Pedro Service Center, operated by the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS), provides a wide range of educational, social, and recreational activities to senior citizens and adults. Programs and services include emergency food distribution, classes in a variety of subjects including computer training, a Senior Nutrition Program, and support and assistance to seniors with issues such as social security, health care and housing.

The center is being renovated to add a new senior/multipurpose room, two day care/classrooms, and storage. The artwork will be installed when the renovation is complete, in the summer of 2010.

## SITES FOR ART

Possible sites for artwork include a wall next to the main entrance and a large wall which faces the Center's exterior patio area (seen above).

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The artist or team will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Proven artistic merit and strong professional qualifications;
- Ability to work with a government agency, designers and local residents;
- Ability to create an artwork that is meaningful to the variety of people who use the building;
- Ability to create an artwork that provides an identity for the center; and
- Ability to execute a high quality, easily maintainable artwork.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 2009	Artist selected
October	Site determined and artist concept presented
December	Artist's final design due
Summer 2010	Fabrication and installation of artwork

## TO APPLY

The following materials must be received by **July 31, 2009**:

1. Résumé including name, mailing address, phone number(s), fax, email and web page (if applicable).
2. A letter of interest, which addresses the following:
  - Why this project interests you;
  - Interest in, or experience with, community and/or senior centers; and
  - Your connection to the San Pedro area.

**Only letters which specifically address these points will be considered.**

3. Up to twenty (20) images of your relevant work. **We prefer digital images.**
  - Submit digital images on a CD-ROM in JPEG format, PC compatible, no larger than 1024 X 1024 pixel resolution (do not zip or stuff your files). Each image must be unlocked and downloadable.
  - Label each image with artist's name and a number which corresponds to the annotated image list – for example 001JaneJones, 002JaneJones.
4. An accompanying annotated image list, including:
  - Title, date and location of artwork;
  - Very brief project description;
  - Medium and dimensions;
  - Budget; and
  - Commissioning agency or client, and project manager, if applicable.

If you are unable to submit electronic images, slides are acceptable. Submit slides in a clear plastic sheet, labeled with your name and numbered to correspond to the annotated image list. Indicate which direction is the top of the image.

5. Three professional references, with title, phone and email addresses.

**Please submit materials to the address listed below. Please indicate whether you want your materials returned.**

Los Angeles County Arts Commission  
Civic Art Program, ATTN: San Pedro Community Service Center  
1055 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 800  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Questions?** Alice Schock, Project Manager, 213-202-5920 or [aschock@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:aschock@arts.lacounty.gov)

- *Do not send original artwork.*
- *Late applications will not be considered and will be returned.*
- *If artists are applying as a team, the team must be declared at the time of application in the letter of interest. Include resumes for all team members with application. Please submit up to 20 images per team, not per artist.*
- *While every effort will be made to carefully handle applications, the Arts Commission cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged materials.*
- *The Arts Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received, or commission an artist through another process.*
- *All artists who submit their materials for review will receive written notification of the results of the selection process, including identification of the selected artist(s).*

- *All information contained herein does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract.*
- *Artists will not be eligible for more than two county projects at any given time.*

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