



## Animating Infrastructure

### Request for Qualifications | Sanborn Covered Bridge- Town of Lyndon, Vermont

The Town of Lyndon (Town), in association with Satellite Gallery, announces their search for a Vermont artist or artist team for the design, fabrication, and installation of a permanent work(s) of sculptural public art at the Historic Sanborn Covered Bridge in Lyndonville. The artist(s) selected for the commission will conceptualize and identify appropriate aesthetic treatments for proposed project elements. The artist(s) must be able to work in collaboration with an Art Selection Committee (Committee) made up of representatives from the Town, Satellite Gallery, and the community.

[Site Information and Design Specifics: see link on website](#)

#### Project Goals

The proposed artwork should create a welcoming environment that brings light, color and vibrancy to the site and reflects one or more of following project goals to:

- Communicate with the historic Sanborn Covered Bridge in a way that elevates both the art installation and the bridge itself
- Celebrate the Passumpsic River, historic river crossings, or the native flora of floodplains in the region
- recognize the importance of blending history, arts, culture, and outdoor recreation as components of a vibrant and livable Vermont for all

#### Who May Apply

Visual, craft, or design artists (or artist teams), in all media, including landscape architects and interior designers, at least 18 years of age and legal residents of Vermont are eligible to apply. Arts Council staff and trustees, Town of Lyndon staff, Art Selection Committee members and their family members are not eligible to apply. Proof of Vermont residency may be required from finalists. Artists must be in good standing with taxes and child support payments (if applicable) and must have appropriate auto and business insurance.

#### Submission Process

All materials must be submitted to Nicole Gratton, Planning Director. Submissions can be emailed to [planning@lyndonvt.org](mailto:planning@lyndonvt.org) or sent to:

Town of Lyndon  
c/o Nicole Gratton  
PO Box 167  
Lyndonville, VT 05851.

There is no submission fee. Please submit five images of completed work, a statement of interest in the project, and a résumé with references.

## **Selection Process and Estimated Timeline**

July 15, 2022: submit your questions about the project

**July 22, 2022 at 4:30pm: deadline for submissions**

Early August: site visit provided for selected finalists

September: finalists present concepts to Committee at open public meeting via Zoom

September 15, 2022: artist selected for design contract

November 21, 2022: design finalized & approved

January 2023: fabrication of artwork begins

September/October 2023: artwork installed

## **Budget and Expectations**

An honorarium of \$300 will be provided to each of the 3-4 finalists to develop a presentation to be given to the Art Selection Committee and the public via a Zoom meeting scheduled for September 2022. The presentation will include a preliminary concept for the site including potential locations for the work(s) of art, keeping in mind the realities of the project budget, the project goals, the concept of “site specific” work, and potential strategies for community engagement and/or input in the design of the artwork. After a short period for collection of public comment on the finalist concepts, the Committee will select one of the finalists to develop the concept into a final design. (The Committee reserves the right not to select a concept or finalist if it does not meet the project criteria or goals.)

The selected artist (or artist team) will be awarded a \$3,000 planning and design grant contract. Funds will be used to pay the artist (or team) for their time in developing the specific details of the design, including materials, dimensions, location, and Committee/community input, as applicable, in the development of the design. The design will include a detailed budget that will outline all costs for how the \$20,000 commission funds will be spent including but not limited to artists fees, materials, travel expenses, general liability and auto insurance transportation, and installation of the art. This may include approval of the design by a licensed structural engineer, and/or other permits, etc. The final design, once approved by the Committee, will be forwarded to the municipal bodies for their final approval.

## **Selection Criteria**

The artist will be selected by demonstrating:

### **1. High artistic quality of past work**

### **2. Effective communication and collaboration skills, including:**

- ability to collaborate with design professionals, engineers, community leaders, and/or artists
- ability to communicate clearly
- ability to work within a team context
- willingness to become familiar with the community

## Selection Criteria (continued)

### 3. Effective project management skills, with demonstrated ability to:

- attend project meetings
- research client needs and propose an appropriate design
- access appropriate resources when necessary
- develop an appropriate and realistic budget
- complete projects on time and within budget

### Once selected, the artist must design and create artwork that:

- is of high artistic quality
- is appropriate to the project site
- is of durable design and uses durable materials
- requires minimal maintenance
- provides maximum resistance to vandalism
- reflects one or more of the project goals identified by the Committee

## Nondiscrimination

The Town does not discriminate against any qualified individual on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic bias, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other category protected by applicable state or federal law.

## Questions?

Inquiries about the program or the project are encouraged. [Send an email](#) to Nicole Gratton or call her at 802.626.1269 by **July 15, 2022**. Responses may be summarized and shared on our website. Voice and relay calls are welcome.

Inquiries about the request for qualifications or submitting a proposal can be made by sending an email to Nicole Gratton at [planning@lyndonvt.org](mailto:planning@lyndonvt.org) or by calling 802.626.1269.