



Nebraska Arts Council Announces new 1% for Art projects.

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(Omaha, Nebraska) – The Nebraska Arts Council is seeking RFQ submissions for three new 1% for Art projects, to place public art in state funded buildings. The three projects are the Munroe-Meyer Institute located at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, the STEM building at the University of Nebraska Kearney, and the Plambeck Early Childhood Education Center at the University of Nebraska Kearney. See details below and click on the image to see the full details in the RFQ.



(Check-in desk, second floor)

University of Nebraska Medical Center Munroe-Meyer Institute

Deadline: Nov. 29, 2019

Budget: \$89,500

The Munroe-Meyer Institute's (MMI) mission is to be world leaders in transforming the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and communities through outreach, engagement, educational programs, innovative research and patient care. The new facility includes playful design with a focus on comfort and navigability for the children and adults receiving comprehensive, interdisciplinary family-centric services.

There are two sites, each located at check-in desks on the second and third floor which mark the entrances to main service areas. The goal of the artwork is to be an inviting, accessible and exciting for all age and development levels. Artwork must withstand or even invite touching and exploration, and be easily cleaned with normal cleaning agents. Acceptable materials include cast glass, mosaic, acrylic, wood, or mixed media. Unacceptable work includes technology, wrapped canvas or additional protection requirements, protruding elements, or sensory overload.

For animated video walkthrough: <https://bit.ly/2NHMAt8>, sites located in video at 1:00 and 1:08.

Professional public artists or artist teams throughout the United States are eligible. The committee may give preference to an artist who has an intellectual or developmental disability, or has a close connection with someone who does.



(South West Entrance to the STEM building)

University of Nebraska Kearney STEM building

Deadline: Nov 29, 2019

Budget: \$250,000

The new 80,000 square foot STEM building utilizes classrooms and collaborative spaces to unite the following programs: construction management, industrial distribution, interior design, aviation, cyber systems, mathematics and statistics, physics and astronomy and engineering.

The STEM building Selection Committee is seeking submissions for two separate public art projects within the central atrium of the building, which connects a north and a south wing. The first floor acts as a passageway through the building, with large glass entrance on the east and west sides. The intent for the central spaces on all three levels is for collaboration, study space, open-air classrooms and critiques, and a space to witness the process of learning and creation while walking through the building.

The Stem Selection Committee is most inspired by the notion that all the programs in this building are united by the hard of research, trial and error, repetition that goes into every discovery, creation and invention that improves the world around us. While the building and artwork leads students, faculty, and guests through the building, it leaves them with an understanding of the concept and inspired about the path of discovery and creation. The committee is not particularly interested in artwork that specifically or literally addresses the included programs.

Project #1, \$200,000 | large-scale sculptural piece in a two-story section of the central atrium, which is separated from a courtyard by a multi-paned glass wall and doors. The artwork should align with the overall concept and unify the building and the experience walking through the building.

*Professional artists or artist teams throughout the US are eligible to apply.

Project #2, \$50,000 | wall locations for 2D artworks in the central atrium and collaborative spaces on the first, second, third floor. All submitting artists should be able to propose work that aligns with the overall concept.

*Professional artists in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota are eligible to apply.



(Entrance to the Plambeck ECEC)

University of Nebraska Kearney

Plambeck Early Childhood Education Center

Deadline: Nov. 29, 2019

Budget: \$61,968

This modern facility on the new University Village campus will serve up to 176 children - infants to age six. Doubling the current capacity with 19,900 square feet, the center will better serve UNK faculty, staff and students in need of childcare and address a regional provider shortage.

The center trains undergraduate and graduate students in a hands-on setting with opportunities for research, practicums, internships, observations, diagnostic testing and experiential learning.

There are three options for sites or combination of sites available to meet the Selection Committees preferred overarching concept. The renderings are available in the RFQ on the 1% webpage, listed below. One artist will be selected for the site(s) and the artwork should be one cohesive piece, whether it utilizes one site option or all three. An artist will not necessarily be preferred for using more sites. Preference will be granted for the quality of cohesion and adherence to the committee's vision.

The committee envisions a unique and engaging artwork that aligns with the concept "Nature and Nurture." The design of the building creates a nurturing environment to learn and incorporates natural sunlight to enhance brain activity and maintain circadian rhythm along with design elements and features inspired by nature and trees. Architects included opportunities to be creatively invigorated and physically active, inside and outside. The artwork should likewise nurture creativity and wonder, create an inviting and explorative environment, and embody some of the peacefulness of the natural world. If within a range of the viewers motion, artwork must be able to withstand touching and be easily cleaned with standard cleaning agents.

Site options:

Site 1 | Exterior site

Site 2 | Multipurpose room

Site 3 | Entrance lobby and check-in desk

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1% Webpage

About the Nebraska Arts Council

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC), a state agency, provides numerous grants, services and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. NAC is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Legislature and National Endowment for the Arts.

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