



City of Lake Forest Park & The Lake Forest Park Garden Tour

CALL FOR ARTISTS (RFQ)

ARTWORK FOR HORIZON VIEW PARK in Lake Forest Park (LFP)

19800 47th Ave NE

Opportunity

The City of Lake Forest Park (City) and the LFP Garden Tour Committee (Art Committee) are seeking an artist/s from the greater Puget Sound area to create a significant 3-dimensional artwork for Horizon View Park. The art piece will be free-standing and located in an outdoor area visible to motorists and pedestrians and park users. The artwork will reference the history and location of the area and be in harmony with its surroundings. It may be abstract or traditional, and possibly functional. It must be composed of materials suitable for long-term outdoor display/use and easy to maintain. The artwork must be new work created for this site.

Budget:

Up to \$40,000 including Washington State sales and use tax, is available for this project. This amount will cover the artist's time, labor and insurance, artwork design, materials, fabrication, engineering if necessary, transportation of the artwork to the site and installation.

Process:

The selected artist(s) will work with the City and the Art Committee through the artwork development and installation process.

Locale and Area Activities

The sculpture will most likely be located in an area near the entrance and/or play ground at Horizon View Park which is located at the highest point in Lake Forest Park. This area has mounding terrain and would be enhanced by a creative bench or other interactive element. The park provides an opportunity to contemplate the night sky, surrounding mountains and territorial landscape. Amenities for active use of Horizon View Park include a soccer field, tennis court, half-court basketball, walking paths around a reservoir and through a wooded area, picnic tables, and a playground. Horizon View Park is located in a residential neighborhood and is enjoyed by all ages and abilities. While there are several pieces of public art in the Town Center/City Hall area of LFP, this will be the first public art installation in the Horizon View Park neighborhood.

Background:

Lake Forest Park is a residential community of 13,000 on the northwest corner of Lake Washington that values highly its bucolic environment with its abundant trees and streams. The city has a long history of citizen involvement and was incorporated in 1961 to preserve its residential character. The Lake Forest Park Garden Tour (Garden Tour) believes that public art is an essential part of a solid, creative community. Having just completed its 20th year, the Garden Tour provides support for the four non-profit community organizations that produce the Tour and raises money for new public art. This new piece, which will be donated to the City, will be its second commission.

Artists are encouraged to visit the site prior to submitting materials. See the City’s website for more information on the city’s history and parks: www.cityofflp.com

See below for location map and park photos.

RFQ Timeline 2024-25:

RFQ documents submitted to the Art Committee.....	October 15, 2024
Arts Committee interviews selected applicants	November 2024
Selected artist submits art concept to Arts Committee	December 2024/January 2025
Installation	July 2025

RFQ Response Process and Deadline:

Your responsive submittals must be emailed as one PDF with numbered pages to publicartlfpgardentour@gmail.com with Public Art in the subject line . Images must be in JPEG format and no larger than 1 MB each. SOQ materials must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Responses to this RFQ must have your name at the top and include the following:

1. Statement of interest: one page maximum, describing your art and process for new work, plus what inspires you about this particular opportunity, and your idea(s) for an art project.
2. A current, professional resume (2 pages max.) with current address, email and phone number.
3. Up to ten JPEG images of past public work including at least five that are similar in nature to work that would be appropriate to this site. Images must be labeled with artist’s name, title, size, materials, date completed, cost and location. A descriptive sentence or two may be added as well.

Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

Evaluation criteria:

Submittals will be evaluated by the Art Committee based upon the responsiveness of the submittal to this RFQ. Criteria include:

- new work created for this site
- 3-dimensional artwork
- free-standing and located outdoors
- reference the history and location of the area
- harmony with its surroundings
- composed of materials suitable for long-term outdoor display/use and easy to maintain.

Questions:

Questions regarding this project may be directed to Roz Bird at publicartlfggardentour@gmail.com . Please place “Call for Artists” in the subject line. Unauthorized contact regarding this RFQ with City employees or officials, or the Art Committee may result in disqualification. Any oral communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding. Any questions will be answered in writing to the artists receiving this solicitation who have provided their email contact information to the designated contact.

Conduct of participants:

After the issuance of the RFQ, all bidders, proposers, contractors, consultants or individuals acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from lobbying any City employee, official or the Art Committee until the contract is awarded. The submittal of any artists who violates this conduct policy may be rejected.

Rejection of submittals:

The City and Art Committee reserve the right to reject any submittals and to waive irregularities and informalities in the submittal and evaluation process.

This RFQ does not obligate the City or Garden Tour to pay any costs incurred by artists in the preparation of their submittals.

Submittal signatures:

An authorized representative must sign submittals, and include the artist’s address, telephone and email information. Unsigned submittals may not be considered.

Contract Award:

The right to make an award without further discussion of the submittals is reserved. The artist selected as the apparently successful artists will be expected to enter into a contract with the Garden Tour, which shall not be bound, or in any way obligated, until both parties have executed a contract. A sample contract is attached. No party may incur any chargeable costs prior to the

execution of the final contract. The right to award multiple contracts to multiple artists for this project is reserved.

Horizon View Park, 19800 47th Ave NE, Lake Forest Park WA

