

**“Picture It Big” Installation Grants
Request for Proposals
Montpelier Public Art Commission
Issue Date: January 4, 2021**

Overview

The Montpelier Public Art Commission is seeking submissions of digital art by Vermont-based artists that can be printed up to 10’ x 20’ and displayed on buildings throughout the downtown for up to two years. Artists will be paid \$500 for the right to print and display their work. The Commission is responsible for the cost of printing and installing images. Grants are not limited to any particular style (e.g., photography, abstraction, figurative) and may be created digitally or created by hand and transferred to a digital format. Selected works will be documented, promoted, and included in the Montpelier Art Walk and other city-wide arts events.

Theme: We Are All In This Together

As our community, nation, and world face a growing number of urgent problems, we are increasingly aware that our survival depends on the realization that we must work together. We believe that art has a unique ability to bridge divides and help us realize our connection with one another. As a result, the Commission would like to sponsor works of art that meet this goal. All submissions should be based on this theme.

Submission Requirements

All submission materials should be sent to montpelierartsvt@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on March 12, 2021.

1. Artist/artist team names, contact information, websites
2. Digital image: maximum 10” x 20”, 300 dpi, in either .jpg or .pdf formats
3. Artist statement explaining how the work relates to the theme (250 word maximum)
4. Proposal and explanation of installation location (if any)
5. Bio (250 word maximum per artist/team member)
6. CV or resume

Project Timeline

January 4, 2021: RFP released

March 12, 2021: Deadline for submissions

April 9, 2021: Awards announced

June 15, 2021: Installation completed

Selection Criteria

The selections will be made by the Commission. Proposals must be appropriate for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. If they meet this criteria, they will then be scored according to the goals and guiding principles outlined in the Montpelier Public Art Master Plan (p. 10) as well as the specific goals of this project:

1. Pursue excellence in public art – 30 point
2. Enhance community character and attachment to place – 25 points
3. Contribute to community vitality – 15 points
4. Engage a broad range of people and communities – 15 points
5. Relate to the project theme – 15 points

Nondiscrimination

The City of Montpelier 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?

Artists are encouraged to reach out to the Commission with any questions, such as project location, and checking with property owners about possible installations ahead of proposing work on their building. Inquiries should be made by sending an email to the Montpelier Public Arts Commission at: montpelierartsvt@gmail.com