



Call for Artists: Solar Tree Sculpture with USB Charging Station

Project Description: The City of Hart Economic & Redevelopment Team invites innovative artists to submit proposals for a unique tree sculpture that incorporates solar panels as leaves, providing a pedestrian-accessible USB charging station. This installation should blend artistic creativity with functional design, harnessing solar energy to offer a sustainable charging solution for downtown visitors. The solar limbs shall be constructed in a way to reduce vandalism and the potential for climbing the sculpture. The base should be prepared to mount to concrete.

Project Goals:

- Design an aesthetically pleasing tree sculpture that symbolizes the fusion of nature and technology.
- Utilize solar panels effectively as part of the sculpture to power a USB charging station.
- Ensure the installation is durable, safe, and suitable for outdoor use.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Concept Proposal:** A description of your concept, including artistic vision, materials to be used, and how the sculpture integrates solar technology.
- **Visuals:** Sketches, renderings, or models that clearly convey your design.
- **Materials List:** List of materials, including the type of solar panels and charging station components.
- **Technical Plan:** (city can provide support) Outline of the technical aspects of the installation, including how the solar panels will power the USB charging station and any required infrastructure.
- **Artist Statement:** Explanation of your artistic background and previous experience.
- **Budget:** Budget covering all aspects of the project, including materials, labor, transportation, and installation costs.
- **Maintenance Plan:** Recommendations for the care and maintenance of the sculpture to ensure its functionality and longevity.

Selection Criteria:

- Artistic merit and originality of the proposed sculpture.
- Feasibility of construction and installation within the proposed budget and timeline.
- Effectiveness and efficiency of the solar power system.
- Consideration of safety, durability, and accessibility for public use.

Timeline:

- **Submission Deadline:** July 16, 2024
- **Selection Announcement:** August 3, 2024
- **Installation Completion:** May 1, 2025

Submission Process: Please send your complete proposal package to nkleiner@cityofhart.org by the submission deadline. If you have any questions or need further information, contact Nichole Kleiner at (231) 923-0920 or nkleiner@cityofhart.org.

Honorarium: The selected artist or artist team will receive a stipend of \$2000 to cover the creation and installation of the sculpture.

We look forward to seeing your creative and sustainable solutions come to life!

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PROPOSED LOCATION OF SOLAR PANEL TREE (ON 5-FT LEDGE OF RETAINING WALL)



INSPIRIATIONAL SOLAR TREE SCULPTURES:



