

Request for Proposal: Mural for Associated Ministries

INTRODUCTION

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Associated Ministries (AM) requesting proposals from artists with connection to the Hilltop and/or Tacoma community to create a mural on one face of our building that will provide our clients with a sense of welcome and belonging to all. Many of our clients are people of color experiencing homelessness, but we also serve the broad make-up of Pierce County in race, ethnicity, gender identity and faith tradition. In addition to creating a sense of welcome, we hope that mural will help to build healthy communities, increase social capital, repair harm and restore relationships. The mural may also include images that reflect our identity as an interfaith organization with the mission of “working together toward lasting solutions to homelessness” if these themes fit within the artist’s vision.

About AM

Associated Ministries is a non-profit organization located in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma, WA. We are an interfaith organization uniting communities to work together toward lasting solutions to homelessness. We provide housing services to people experiencing homelessness, as well as support to modest and low income households as a form of homeless prevention. We strive to create an anti-racist, equity-driven welcoming environment for all clients, staff, and volunteers who come through our doors.

AM’s goal is to evolve into a fully inclusive, anti-racist and multicultural organization, creating equitable access to services and equal opportunity for all individuals. This will help uplift historically oppressed communities and provide them a platform for equitable opportunity. Our vision is to be a community pillar, mentor and an agent of change overcoming systemic and institutional racism.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The location for the mural will be on the south side of our building on a face that is approximately 18’ high by 36’ long, facing 13th Street. There are two or more possible sizes for the mural, one is the full 648 square foot area which extends from the alley to the doorway and includes both stories with a mix of wood, stucco and brick finishes. Another option is 18’ by 25’ which stops at the awning. The pictures below display this area. The smaller area would not include the space above or beneath the awning. The area behind the garden trellis can be excluded. Should the artist choose to complete the larger area, they would be compensated at \$2,000. The smaller area would be compensated at \$1,400. AM will pressure wash the area in June. The artist will provide their own tools and paint supplies.

The muralist is asked to use the space to create an image that will reflect welcome and belonging to the entire diverse community that comes to our building and through our doors. We hope to have the mural completed by September 2021.



PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Applicants should respond to the questions below in a separate document with their contact information and images of relevant prior work. Responses to each question should contain a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 500 words. Please email your compiled document to MollyA@AssociatedMinistries.org.

1. Considering that anti-racism and equity are an important part of Associated Ministries' organizational culture, what themes or ideas would you want to explore in this mural?
2. What do the words welcome and belonging mean to you?
3. We intend to collect input (via surveys) from our clients about what themes and images allow them to feel a sense of welcoming and belonging. Explain how you would use this to influence your process.
4. In light of the Selection Criteria below, please tell us what qualifies you for this project.

SELECTION CRITERIA

We intend to select an artist who is a person of color. We prefer prior experience creating murals but may select an artist who is willing to receive mentorship from an experienced muralist. We will select the artist who has some combination of professional experience, personal connection to the project, and a demonstrated commitment to reflecting our client input.

TIMELINE 2021

May 15 – June 11:	Proposals accepted
June 11 at 5pm:	Proposals due via email to MollyA@AssociatedMinistries.org
June 14 – June 16:	Review of proposals
June 16:	Notification to applicants of selection of finalists
June 17-22:	On-line interviews with finalists
June 22:	Finalists notified of selected muralist
July 1 – July 31:	Artist meets with AM Redesign Committee to approve project details
September 30:	Artist completes mural