CALL TO ARTISTS:
Public Art for Downtown

The City of McCall is seeking an artist or artist-team to create public artwork to complement the reconstruction of its downtown core streetscape.

Project Intent: The City of McCall, Idaho, seeks to commission artwork to be integrated into the upcoming reconstruction of 2nd Street at the heart of the city’s downtown core. The artwork should:

- Contribute to 2nd Street as the city’s center and an inviting gathering place
- Support McCall as a walk-able and bike-able community
- Create excitement and interest for the community
- Be durable, low maintenance, and appropriate for McCall’s climate

A wide variety of artwork media and forms will be considered, including artwork integrated into ground surfacing or landscape elements, functional elements such as seating or bike racks, or overhead or gateway elements. Although the City of McCall does not restrict any particular artistic content, it will consider that visitors to downtown will frequently interact with the artwork.

Budget: The budget for the public art project is $60,000 and is funded by the City of McCall and the McCall Local Option Tax. The budget includes all costs associated with the project including, but not limited to: artist’s design fee, travel, materials, fabrication, transportation and installation of the work, and title plaque.

Eligibility: This public art opportunity is open to individual artists and artist teams, age 18 and over, living within Idaho or within a contiguous state/province (Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, British Colombia). Artists living elsewhere that have a demonstrated connection to McCall will also be considered.

Anticipated Timeline:
- Qualifications submittal deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018
- Artist selection committee meets to choose finalists: early November, 2018
- Finalists submit design proposals: late December, 2018
- Public comment on design proposals: January, 2019
- Artist notification of design selection: early February, 2019
- Installation: Summer or early Fall, 2019
How to Apply: This Call to Artists is a request for qualifications. Interested artists must submit the following by 5:00 p.m., October 26, 2018:

1. Letter of interest (no more than one page).
2. Current resume (no more than two pages). If submitting as a team, a current resume should be submitted for each team member.
3. Fifteen (15) images of completed artwork. Artists applying as a team may submit ten (10) images of each artist's work. Images may be submitted as .jpeg or .PDF files on a CD or thumb drive.
4. Annotated list of all submitted images with title, medium, and year completed.
5. References. A list of at least three professional references that have knowledge of the artist’s work and working methods. The list should include complete addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.
6. Support materials (optional). Up to 3 items such as reviews, news articles, or other information.

Selection Process:
A selection committee consisting of at least one representative from the City of McCall Public Art Advisory Committee, two members of the community at-large, and two art professionals will review all submissions and select up to three (3) finalist artists or artist-teams based upon the quality of previous work and public art experience. The artist-finalists will then be asked to submit a design proposal for 2nd Street public artwork including concept, materials, size, maintenance details, and budget. The finalists’ proposals will be exhibited at a public venue and on the City of McCall web site for approximately three weeks to gain community input. Each finalist will be compensated ($500 each) for participation in this stage of the selection process. The selection committee will meet again to award the project in February, 2019.

Site Information:
Over the next few years, the four blocks of McCall’s downtown will get a complete facelift including; upgraded utilities, new roadway surfaces, improved sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian intersections, streetlighting, street trees and landscaping. 2nd Street is the center of downtown, extending two blocks from the Public Library at the south end to Art Roberts Park and the shore of Payette Lake to the north. 2nd Street will be reconstructed utilizing a unique design with wider sidewalks (20 ft. wide), paver surfacing, and intersection bulb-outs with rolled curbs to create an area that can be closed for public gatherings and events. Concrete seat walls within each block will protect landscaped areas and street trees. Statement street lights will help define 2nd Street as a destination.

More information about McCall’s Downtown Core Reconstruction project is available at: www.mccall.id.us/downtownproject