



Call for community art project leader

*Newton's **Family FunFEST** will take place on Saturday May 18, 2024, at Newton City Hall. FunFEST is a celebration of art and entertainment for all ages. It features a carnival, live musical performances, a community art project and live public art event, vendor booths, and more.*

The call:

Newton artists and art educators are invited to apply to lead the community art project during the Family FunFEST. An honorarium of \$400 will be awarded to the selected artist/teacher.

This project is a temporary art installation created by the community at Family FunFEST. The artwork is one 8'x4' horizontal mural painted onto plywood and later installed in a public area in the city from May through October. The theme of the artwork is:

Celebrating Newton's 150th Birthday as a City!

We encourage creativity and experimentation in the mural design concept. We are especially interested in bold, creative, and vibrant designs that all community members will find easy and enjoyable to contribute to. While there will be no restriction on what design ideas can be submitted, all work should be appropriate for viewers of all ages and should not contain any violence; profanity; drug use; racism; or commercial, political, or religious content as determined by the City.

Other details:

- Final designs must cover the entire front side of the plywood panel (8'x4'). Designs must be horizontal.
- Plywood board will be provided by NCD to the selected artist. It will be primed and ready to paint. NCD will also "finish" the mural with a coat of varnish to preserve it from rain and other weather conditions. Artist will be responsible for all other materials.
- Artist should be available to prepare the mural board in the weeks leading up to May 18, 2024. Prep work will occur at the West Newton Armory or other location to be decided. Exact workshop dates/times will be scheduled once the artist is selected.
- Artist should be available for live community painting at Newton City Hall on Saturday, May 18th 10am–4pm, plus prep time prior to 10am as needed.
- Artists may apply as a pair or team. If selected, NCD will divide the \$400 honorarium among team members.
- Artists from a variety of ethnicities and life experiences are encouraged to apply.

How to Submit:

Email the following materials to culture@newtonma.gov no later than March 28, 2024, at 5:00pm.

- Short paragraph explaining your experience with public art or as an art project leader.
- Statement of intent for the project.
- Two or three images of your recent work in any medium.
- A rough sketch/description of your intended mural design. This is not intended as a final draft, but as an opportunity for NCD to understand your approach to the project. All selected participants will be given time to modify and finalize their mural design, as noted in the timeline below.

Timeline

- March 8-28: Submission period
- March 28 at 5:00pm: Submission deadline
- April 4: Selected artist notified
- TBD: Artist orientation meeting
- April 19: Final design submission deadline
- April 19 – May 16: Artist opportunity to prep mural board as needed
- May 17: Mural board moved to City Hall for Family FunFEST
- May 18 10am-4pm: Live painting event at Family FunFEST
- May 20-22: Murals installed by NCD in locations throughout Newton
- October: Installation removed

We believe that art transcends cultural boundaries and brings a community together. Thank you for your interest in this project and desire to work with us on this important community initiative! Please email us at culture@newtonma.gov with any questions about this project.

- *Newton Cultural Development*