

Palm Springs Public Arts Commission Neighborhood Grant Program



The Palm Springs Public Arts Commission is excited to once again offer grants to city neighborhood associations and business districts to support the wider creation and enjoyment of public art throughout Palm Springs. Pending City Council approval, grants of \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified projects, with an emphasis on projects in areas underrepresented in the city's existing public art collection. The Public Arts Commission will periodically make new funding available and welcomes applications at any time.

The **Art is Everywhere Neighborhood Grant Program** grew out of the Art is Here celebration in 2019 marking the Palm Springs Public Arts Commission's 30th anniversary. Originally launched in the spring of 2020 and then put on hold because of the pandemic, the grant program is now back with the same goal: to encourage everyone to consider how art can enhance where we live, work, and play, and to bring art to more shared spaces throughout the city.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS QUALIFY?

Public art comes in many forms. It can include mini-murals, shade structures, lighting, benches, park programs, and performances. The best projects will have community buy-in, engage with residents, and enhance community spaces, whether for an afternoon or a long time to come.

While long-term or permanent art pieces can qualify for grants, grantees are responsible for any ongoing maintenance and upkeep. The Public Arts Commission encourages applicants to raise additional funds, when needed, for projects exceeding \$5,000.

Applicants should be a recognized Palm Springs neighborhood association or business district. Artists and other community groups are encouraged to partner with a neighborhood association or business district for a proposal. The Public Arts Commission is happy to help make these connections.

Grants will be awarded based on the project's artistic integrity, community engagement, budget requirements, feasibility, and whether it serves an area in need of public art. Only qualifying projects will be funded. Grant recipients will not be eligible to apply for a subsequent grant.

INTERESTED? WHAT'S NEXT?

Talk to your neighbors and community members and come up with an idea with wide support. A member of the Public Arts Commission can help answer any questions, assist in pairing you with a suitable artist, and otherwise support you as you prepare to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to pspublicarts.com/art-is-everywhere and fill out an interest form. You will be asked to provide a short description of the project and outline an anticipated budget and timeline.

A member of the Public Arts Commission will then contact you to discuss the project, make suggestions, and help prepare you to present the project to the full commission.

Applications are always welcome. The Public Arts Commission may delay review until other projects are completed and funding is made available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can always contact the Public Arts Commission by emailing palmspringspublicarts@gmail.com.

And be sure to visit pspublicarts.com and to follow the Public Arts Commission on Facebook and @pspublicarts on Instagram.

