

**Anacortes Arts Commission
Request for Proposals
Historic Wilson Hotel Mural
Anacortes, WA**

The Anacortes Arts Commission is issuing a call for proposals from artists for an outside mural commission on a renovated historic downtown building.

Project Description

The Housing Authority of the City of Anacortes and Beacon Development Group are currently renovating the historic Wilson Hotel at 806 Commercial Street, at the corner of Commercial Avenue and 8th streets in downtown Anacortes. The Wilson Hotel building is three floors and will include retail and residential uses. It is slated for completion in summer, 2006.

The mural is to be placed on the south wall, which is approximately 46 feet high by 100 feet long. It is highly visible to downtown Commercial traffic and calls for a design that is either vertical or horizontal (or a combination). The design need not cover the entire available wall. The selected proposal must:

- Include the text “Historic Wilson Hotel” somewhere prominent within the design
- Be in keeping with the historic nature of the building and downtown district
- Show artistic quality, compatibility with the location, and durability.

Photos of the New Wilson Hotel and PDF of Call for Artists are available on the City of Anacortes/Arts Commission website

http://www.cityofanacortes.org/Parks/arts_commission.htm

Budget

\$15,000, includes artist’s time, materials, mural installation, and any necessary insurance or permits.

Selection Process

Based on proposals received, a Selection Jury will recommend a preferred design or designs to the Arts Commission. The jury will include representative(s) from Beacon Development, the Housing Authority of the City of Anacortes, and two other members selected by the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission will make a final recommendation to The Housing Authority of the City of Anacortes and Beacon Development Group. Upon approval, a contract will be awarded.

Timeline - 2006

September 8 Submission of proposals due by 5pm

September 15	Selection Jury makes its recommendation(s)
Late -September	Work begins
Fall 2006	Mural is completed

Submission Requirements – please clearly label all materials

- Letter of interest
- Current Resume
- Up to 10 images of relevant work. Images should be either digital (JPEG, 300 dpi) or hard copy photos, with detail listing of location, date and description if necessary. No slides will be accepted
- Design proposal, including drawings, materials to be used and any other information relevant to the project
- Up to 3 references
- Self addressed stamped envelope if you want material back

Every effort will be made to insure the safe handling of submitted materials. However, the City of Anacortes and the Anacortes Arts Commission will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Please send submissions to:

**Anacortes Arts Commission
P.O. Box 547
Anacortes, WA 98221
Attn: The Wilson Hotel Mural Project**

Current and historic photos of the Wilson Hotel as well as more information about the building's history and PDF of Call for Artists are available on the City of Anacortes/Arts Commission website http://www.cityofanacortes.org/Parks/arts_commission.htm
For questions about submissions, or to request copies of the historic photographs, please contact Gary Robinson at gary@cityofanacortes.org, 360-293-1918.

Eligibility

The project is open to Northwest artists age 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability. Artist teams are eligible to apply. City of Anacortes, Anacortes Arts Commission members, Beacon Development Group employees, as well as selection jury panelists and their immediate families are not eligible for participation.