

**Microgrants Grants  
Request for Proposals  
Montpelier Public Art Commission  
Issue Date: October 1, 2021**

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**Overview**

The Montpelier Public Art Commission is eager to award micro-grants (up to \$1500) to Vermont-based visual artists or artist teams for permanent or temporary art installations, whether two or three-dimensional, throughout the City of Montpelier. This RFP is open for an indefinite period and artists may submit at anytime during the year. The commission will review and award grants twice yearly with deadlines of October 31 and March 30. The commission is open to awarding grants for a wide range of proposals with varying media, styles, and installation time periods, however, successful submissions must be engaging for the public. Based on the Commission's jury process, additional points are awarded for installations that promote hope, inclusivity, and/or strength through diversity. Selected works will be documented, promoted, and included in the Montpelier Art Walk and other city-wide arts events.

**Submission Requirements**

1. Artist/artist team names, contact information, websites
2. Project description, including proposed location within Montpelier city limits (500 word maximum)
3. Project budget
4. Images of proposed work and previous pieces (10 maximum)
5. Artist statement (250 word maximum)
6. Bio (250 word maximum per artist/team member)
7. CV or resume

**Guidelines**

- Proposed works must be durable and able to withstand the proposed duration of installation.
- Artists are responsible for the installation of their work.
- The Commission is particularly interested in works that activate the Montpelier bike path, as well as other high-traffic sites, though artists are welcome to propose different locations in Montpelier. The potential also exists for installations in Hubbard Park.
- Submissions should be sent to [montpelierartsvt@gmail.com](mailto:montpelierartsvt@gmail.com) by 11:59 pm on October 31 for the November review or March 30 for the April review.

## **Project Timeline**

October 31: Deadline for November Review

December 1: Awards announced

March 30: Deadline for April Review

May 1: Awards announced

May 30: Installations for December awardees completed

October 1: Installations for May awardees completed

## **Selection Criteria**

The selection will be made by the Commission. Proposals must be appropriate for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. If they meet this required criteria, they will then be scored according the goals and guiding principles outlined in the Montpelier Public Art Master Plan (p. 10):

1. Pursue excellence in public art – 30 points
2. Enhance community character and attachment to place – 30 points
3. Contribute to community vitality – 20 points
4. Involve a broad range of people and communities – 20 points

## **Nondiscrimination**

The City of Montpelier does not discriminate against any qualified individual on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic bias, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other category protected by applicable state or federal law.

## **Questions?**

Artists are encouraged to reach out to the Commission with any questions, such as project location, and checking with property owners about possible installations ahead of proposing work. Inquiries should be made by sending an email to the Montpelier Public Arts Commission at: [montpelierartsvt@gmail.com](mailto:montpelierartsvt@gmail.com)