

ARTIST OPPORTUNITY: Call to Artists

Northeast Delta Human Service Authority

Art pieces and craft pieces focusing on Mental Health, Addiction, Developmental Disabilities

This opportunity is possible through Northeast Delta Human Services Authority.

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Overview

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (NEDHSA) is seeking qualified artists and craft-makers to submit qualifications to design new art and craft work of various mediums of the original design for NEDHSA. Full proposals are not required at this time; therefore, please only submit those materials described under submission requirements. The commission is open regionally to artists 18 and over.

Submission Requirements

Application materials must be received by **Friday, December 2, 2022 at 5 p.m. (CST)** via the portal.

Staff will only be available for technical or website assistance Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (CST) (Holidays may affect this time). Applicants are encouraged to apply early to reduce risk of technical difficulties. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted for any reason.

A complete application must include:

- **List of Exhibitions** (if applicable)
- **Statement of interest** describing:
 1. Why are you interested in this project?
 2. Previous experience with public art
 3. Your methods of working
 4. Your connection (if any) or interest in NEDHSA
 5. How you believe the art will depict and raise awareness of mental and behavioral health?
- **Images (3-5)** of your original completed works of art, not proposals, which demonstrate your qualifications for the project. 3-D models, sketches, or drawings will not be accepted. You must include the title, medium, dimensions, project budget (price), year completed, location, and a description. The value must be indicated in US dollars. Each image must contain only one view of the work. Up to **3 videos** (optional) of work examples.

*****Please note, we are asking for previously created works of art as a representation of what you as an artist can do/create. This will help us choose artists for this project. Works created using grant/stipend funding will need to be new works created after the award has been dispersed. *****

Image specifications: JPG, PNG - Maximum size per image 5MB, total 30MB. *Slides, emailed prints, or any physical submissions will NOT be accepted.

Eligibility

This call for artists is open to artists 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender identification, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical ability.

Artist teams may apply and must designate one artist as the lead contact. **Examples of work submitted must be original, recently completed artwork (within the last 5 years).**

The application, including all examples of work and supporting documents, are considered the artist's official "submission." If any information submitted by the artist or artist's representative, including all supporting documents, is found fraudulent, the submission will be disqualified.

Funding

Artists can apply for a **minimum of \$500.00 and a maximum of \$2,000** to cover all costs associated with the project. The NEDHSA panel will choose **4-6 artists/teams** to be included in this project.

Artists are encouraged to create a group or body of new works using the funding granted. However, before funding approval, artists and craft makers must provide a work proposal carefully explaining how the funding will be used. The proposal must state what new pieces the artist or craft maker will make for the maximum amount awarded. This includes the number of new pieces, size of potential pieces, medium, subject matter, and the overall intention of the body of work.

The DAA Board will run the award payment as such: **50% payment to the artist upon award and 50% upon the project completion.**

The proposal selected by the committee will include an **all-inclusive budget of \$8,200** to cover all costs associated with the project, and commensurate with the intended scale, including but not limited to: research, professional consultations, formal reports from licensed structural and electrical engineers where appropriate, a long-term care and maintenance report from a licensed professional conservator, materials, fabrication, transportation, travel, insurance, installation, and photography and documentation of the artwork.

Background

Louisiana Act 384 merged mental health, developmental disability, and addictive disorder services (or co-occurring disorders) into Local Governing Entities (LGEs) as of July 1, 2010. NEDHSA is one of 10 independent LGEs. Each LGE remains part of the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals but not in a direct reporting line to the Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health. NEDHSA serves the same 12 parishes in northeast Louisiana that its former "Region 8"

organization served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll.

NEDHSA provides services and treatment to people diagnosed with major mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders. NEDHSA is dedicated to transforming how we provide vital services to our citizens. As part of our vision to be a catalyst for change and innovation, we research and analyze social factors to help create programs to meet our region's needs. We bring innovative programs to our citizens, including integrating behavioral health with primary care services; services for children and adolescents with behavioral disorders at risk of experiencing a psychiatric or behavioral emergency. In collaboration with law enforcement agencies, we help first responders know how to recognize mental health issues. In addition, we work to break down barriers that keep citizens from obtaining treatment. Our sole purpose is to keep the specific needs of the people in our communities at the forefront of NEDHSA efforts.

Our dedication lies at the heart of our daily work, bringing greater access to vital services. We strive to offer competent, quality care that fosters hope, trust, and the most beneficial health outcomes to the people we serve.

About the Art and Craft Work

NEDHSA directs the operation of community-based programs to improve the quality of life of people with major mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders. The commissioned art and craftwork should introduce, inspire, and raise awareness of the various elements of mental/behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders. Examples include personal journeys, treatment, community support, and emotional wellness.

The exhibition will occur during the February 2023 Downtown Gallery Crawl on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 5:00 pm. The artwork should be ready to hang and be prepared for presentation by January 27, 2023. Artists and Craft-makers will present the commissioned artworks on both sides of the Ouachita River in Monroe and West Monroe, LA.

NEDHSA owns all artworks created through this project; therefore, the artists and craft makers do not have rights to the art pieces. Hence, they cannot sell or keep the artwork in their possession. However, the **artists and craft makers always maintain the intellectual property of the art.** Artists and craft makers are to design and create works aligned with NEDHSA's mission and vision. **NEDHSA obtains the physical art piece(s) and rights to use it in other forms: marketing, promotion, and social media.**

Artists should Consider the following for Application

The development and design for the artwork should:

- Consider the elements of the site as a source of design ideas.

- Consider the facility and the area(s) surrounding the artwork and their intended uses as described in this call.
- Reflect NEDHSA's mission and vision profile
- Represent NEDHSA's vision of transformation and growth
- Be durable, sturdy, stable, suitable for climate conditions, resistant to UV damage, and safe for public interaction.