



**Call for Artists  
Peoria Crossing Apartments  
Aurora Housing Authority**

**Summary:**

**Opportunity:** 3D Interior Wall Art Commission

**Commissioning Organization:** Aurora Housing Authority in Aurora, Colorado

**Location:** Peoria Crossing, 3002 N. Peoria Street, Aurora, CO 80010

**Commission Budget:** \$18,000

**Eligibility:** Open to Colorado artists only (with preference given Aurora-based artists).

**Application Deadline:** May 17, 2019, 5:00 PM MST

**Project Description:**

The Aurora Housing Authority (AHA) is seeking individual artists or artist teams to design, construct, and install 3D sculptural wall art for Peoria Crossing, a new, 82-unit apartment building located at Peoria and 30<sup>th</sup> Street in Aurora, Colorado. Peoria Crossing is a transit-oriented development (TOD) that will house low-income individuals, families, and Veterans.

Inside the main entrance is a reinforced, indoor wall, measuring 22 feet wide by nine feet tall, located in the lobby leading to the leasing office and resident units. The building will be completed in September 2019 and AHA will work with the artist to coordinate installation in time for the opening.

AHA's mission is to develop and promote quality housing while supporting and encouraging economic opportunities leading to self-sufficiency and independence. AHA acknowledges the lasting impact a home can have on families and individuals and strives to provide quality housing that is safe and affordable.

**Site Description:**

The wall is situated at the entrance of the building, and is approximately nine feet off the finished floor of the lobby. The wall has a clear, reinforced area of 22 feet wide by nine feet tall and is made of drywall over backing board (oriented strand board). It faces the main entrance and is highly visible upon entering the lobby and leasing office. It is not visible from outside the building. **Artists are invited to attend a preview of the space on May 8, 2019 at 11:00 am at the site, 3002 N. Peoria St., Aurora, CO 80014.**

The art will be housed inside the lobby, accessible to AHA staff, residents, and the general public. Peoria Crossing is part of the Morris Heights neighborhood in north Aurora, Colorado. It is in close proximity to the Anschutz Medical Campus, the Veterans Affairs Hospital, and Sand Creek Park.



### **Art Goals and Design Parameters:**

Peoria Crossing is a transit-oriented development (TOD) that will house low-income individuals, families, and Veterans. The selected project will reflect the opportunities and positive environmental impact that close proximity to transportation provides, i.e. access to jobs and a reduced carbon footprint.

The suggested theme of the sculptural elements shall be the energy and excitement of *going places*. The selected project will also tie in nature and a sense of belonging and community.

AHA is open to all mediums and materials that are easy to maintain. The artwork is up high, so the artists are asked consider three-dimensional or other construction that would help the art stand out and be visible in the lobby. The finished piece does not need to occupy the entire wall but it should maximize the space in full regarding placement in a balanced manner.

### **Budget:**

\$18,000 all inclusive (Artist fee, materials, engineering, installation and any other fees associated with the project.)

### **Project Timeline:**

Call Issued: April 22, 2019

Site Visit: May 8, 2019, 11:00 AM (please RSVP to [dashleyoehm@aurorahousing.org](mailto:dashleyoehm@aurorahousing.org), must wear closed-toe shoes and jeans) 3002 N. Peoria St., Aurora, CO 80014

**Narrative/Application Deadline: May 17, 2019, 5:00 PM MST**

Invitation to Submit Proposals: May 20-24, 2019

Proposal Selection Date: May 27, 2019

Project Start Date: June 3, 2019

Estimated Install Date: September 16, 2019

### **Narrative/Application Requirements:**

Narrative/Applications shall be submitted via PDF and emailed to: [dashleyoehm@aurorahousing.org](mailto:dashleyoehm@aurorahousing.org) by 5:00 PM, MST, May 17, 2019. Only completed applications will be considered. This opportunity is open to Colorado artists only; Aurora-based artists will have preference

To apply for this opportunity, Artists are asked to supply:

- Artist Resume or Bio (1-2 pages only).
- Brief artist statement (500 words max) including:
  - Your interest in the project;
  - A short narrative of the type of work that you hope to produce for the site; and
  - Your connection (if any) to the City of Aurora.
- Pictures and descriptions of 3-5 past works related to your vision for this project (including relevant experience in the creation of 3D wall art).
- List of three professional references.

Based on the number and quality of narratives received, the Art Selection Committee may elect to short-list a group of artists for the purpose of furthering their proposals. Short-listed artists will receive an honorarium of \$250.

If invited to Submit a Proposal, Artists will be asked to supply the following:

- Detailed project narrative
- Rendering of the design/concept
- Description of materials used
- Dimensions of artwork
- Expected weight of artwork
- Details of connecting plate(s) or anchors for the artwork
- Equipment required for installation (e.g. crane, drill, hammer)
- Estimated number of people required to install the artwork

### **Contact Information:**

Completed applications shall be submitted to: Dayna Ashley-Oehm, Director of Housing Development 303-929-9591 [dashleyoehm@aurorahousing.org](mailto:dashleyoehm@aurorahousing.org).

If you have other questions or require assistance applying for this opportunity, please contact Kendall Peterson, Art Consultant via email: [Kendall@theresquaredenver.com](mailto:Kendall@theresquaredenver.com).