



## **Request for Proposals - Cuyahoga Falls *River in the City***

### **Overview**

The City of Cuyahoga Falls received an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in support of the community art project - *River in the City*. *River in the City* is an opportunity for the City of Cuyahoga Falls to embrace its new Plan for Public Art by leveraging local and national talent to create excellent art and engagement along Front Street and the Cuyahoga River.

The project manager for *River in the City*, Curated Storefront, is issuing an open call to local artists, cultural creatives and community members to develop artistic community engagement activities that offer creative interpretations of the Cuyahoga River and what it means to the City of Cuyahoga Falls as core to the identity of the city and its residents.

Four artists/cultural creatives will be selected to each lead a one - day (2-3 hour) community engagement activity in Summer of 2022.

Creative activities could include:

Music

Dance/performance

Poetry/creative writing

Visual arts (sculpture, installation, printmaking, painting, drawing, bookmaking, papermaking)

Guided river walks

Proposed activities must relate to the Cuyahoga River and include direct engagement with community members of all ages and skill levels.

The Front Street Pavilion in downtown Cuyahoga Falls has been secured and will be available to the artists. As it is a covered outdoor space, activities will take place rain or shine.

Selected artists will be provided with a \$1750 stipend for labor and supplies.

## **Timeline**

Applications are available at [Curatedstorefront.org/news](https://curatedstorefront.org/news) or by clicking this link:

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Applications due March 4, 2022, 11:59 EST. Artists will be notified in early April.

Creative activities will take place on the following Sundays in Summer of 2022. (Each artist will be assigned ONE date. If you have limitations on your availability, please include this in your application. i.e. "I am not available on August 14th.")

June 5th

August 14th

Each artist selected will lead their approved activity on ONE of the dates. Volunteers will be available to assist artists.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and reside in Northeast Ohio.

## **Selection Process**

Artist applications will be reviewed by staff and volunteers from COLLIDE: Cuyahoga Falls and Curated Storefront.

COLLIDE: Cuyahoga Falls is an organization dedicated to bringing awareness to the unique art and cultural scene of Cuyahoga Falls to, for and with the community. Through collaboration with like-minded organizations, other artists, and supporters of the arts, our goal is to help create a vibrant Cuyahoga Falls.

Curated Storefront brings compelling art to diverse audiences through a dynamic program of installations, events, and exhibits that activate underutilized buildings and spaces in Akron, and provides artists with opportunities to expand their practices.

## **Contact**

Please contact Amber Anderson at [amber@curatedstorefront.org](mailto:amber@curatedstorefront.org) with any questions/concerns. (Please note that questions submitted after March 3 at 5pm may not be answered before the deadline.)