

Call For Artists

DEADLINE TO APPLY: AUGUST 30, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

ABOUT THE PROJECT

On behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park, the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HyCDC) is pleased to announce **its annual Call for Artists for the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative**.

This initiative seeks **seven (7) original sculptures of various styles and sizes for temporary public exhibition. Selected works will be installed at predetermined, publicly accessible sites throughout the Town of Riverdale Park for a one-year placement as part of the Town's vision for a dynamic outdoor sculpture gallery.**

Each site includes a pre-installed concrete footer or pad designed to accommodate a range of sculpture sizes and bases. Submissions should reflect thoughtful design, durability, and compatibility with an outdoor, urban setting. Due to the temporary nature of this program, all artworks must be existing or nearly completed at the time of submission.

This initiative is intended to both beautify public spaces and support artists by increasing visibility and creating future sales opportunities. At the end of the exhibition term, the works will also be made available for purchase on the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative page.

ARTIST HONORARIUM

Selected artists will receive a **stipend of \$2,500 per artwork**. This stipend is meant to support the artist's time, materials, and fabrication costs. HyCDC and the

Town of Riverdale Park will handle installation, insurance, and public documentation – artists will not be expected to manage these aspects on their own.

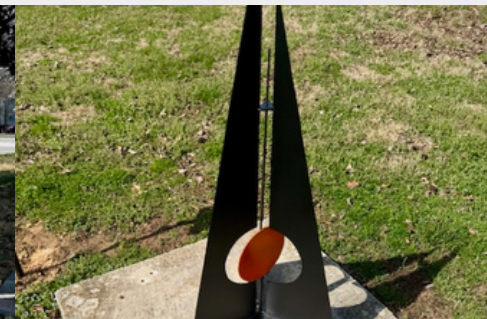
ELIGIBILITY

Open to artists across the greater metropolitan region. Preference will be given to those who live or maintain a studio in Prince George's County. We welcome applications from emerging and established artists, including sculptors, woodworkers, metalworkers, and mixed-media artists using durable materials.

SCHEDULE

Responses to this Call for Artists are **due August 30, 2026, at 5 PM**. Following a jury panel review, artworks will be placed on-site in late October-early November.

Artwork will be displayed for 12 months following installation.



ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

All submitted sculptural pieces **must:**

- Be constructed from durable, outdoor-safe materials
- Be designed for safe public display with minimal maintenance
- Use break-away or tamper-resistant anchoring systems
- Be capable of withstanding weather, exposure, and public interaction
- Be easy to install and remove at the end of the 12-month term
- Avoid sharp edges or safety hazards
- Be available for exhibition-ready installation (no in-progress concepts)

HOW TO APPLY

All materials must be submitted digitally via email to:

bking@hyattsvillecdc.org

Subject Line: Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative – [Your Name or Team Name]

Submit by: Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Please include a **PDF or Word document** clearly displaying:

- An image/rendering of your proposed artwork
- Up to five images of past work sculptures
- Artwork specs: title, dimensions, medium, and base requirements
- A brief artist statement
- Your contact info, website (if applicable), and a resume or CV
- A simple project budget outlining all estimated costs. Please note that the \$2,500 honorarium is intended to cover the full cost of the project.

Selected artists will be notified in early September, and installation is anticipated in late October – early November.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Bronwyn King
Executive Director, Hyattsville CDC

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DISCLAIMER

The Hyattsville Community Development Corporation reserves the right to delay or reschedule the conduct of, cancel, or reissue this Call for Artists for any reason it deems fit or necessary to do so.

Applicants will be advised in the event of delay, cancellation, or reissuance.

The Hyattsville Community Development Corporation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a U.S. veteran and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We welcome submissions from all.

Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), or individuals are encouraged to respond.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative is a collaborative program sponsored by the Town of Riverdale Park and administered by the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HyCDC). The program is made possible with the generous support of local property owners who contribute public display space for the selected artworks.

Now in its ninth year, the Initiative continues its mission to present a rotating, town-wide exhibition of outdoor sculpture that enlivens public spaces and enhances community identity. The program also provides local and regional artists with valuable opportunities to broaden their audience and showcase their work in high-visibility locations.

Riverdale Park, located just outside Washington, D.C., is a vibrant town with deep support for the arts and a growing reputation as an emerging development hub. The Town's active cultural scene includes historic landmarks like the Riversdale Mansion, a thriving farmers' market, and civic participation in the Maryland Milestones Anacostia Trails Heritage Area.

As part of ongoing revitalization along the Route One Corridor, the Town of Riverdale Park and HyCDC remain committed to expanding public art access and encouraging artistic engagement throughout the community.

Please note: If a work is sold during or at the conclusion of its exhibition as a result of its public display, the sale will be coordinated directly with the artist. With artist approval, a small, pre-agreed portion of the proceeds will support the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative.

