

PUBLIC ART REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Veteranos Park – Military Seals, Armed Forces, and History Project

Deadline: August 1, 2026

<https://www.glendaleaz.gov/Play/Arts-Culture/Grant-Funding-Artist-Opportunities/Calls-to-Artists>



Call Description

The City of Glendale Office of Arts and Culture is initiating a Valley-Wide Call to Artists to submit applications for a Veterans-Themed mural to be fabricated at Veteranos Park near Downtown Glendale.

On November 8th, 2025 Veteranos Park was officially dedicated as a location to honor the courage, service, and sacrifice of our nation's Veterans. The event included the installation of three newly illuminated flagpoles, and serves as a location for Veterans, honored guests, and the Glendale community. The next phase of the City's commitment to Veteranos park is a mural that will exist along the eastern and southern walls of the park.

One of the walls will be an honoring of the Military Branches, including the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force. Similar to the Military Seals that surround the USS Arizona Memorial at the Glendale Main Library, this wall will forever recognize the various branches of our military, and their unique and respective contributions to our cities, states, and country.

The adjacent wall will include a chronological history of significant military moments in US History. This can include Wars, Declarations, Treaty Signings, and other significant moments in American History. Any historical moments from 1776 to present day can be considered and included in this historical representation. Is

Together, the two walls will enhance the aesthetic of Veteranos Park, furthering the City of Glendale's commitment to all who serve.

Award:

- Three (3), \$1200 honorariums for three (3) finalists
- One (1) not-to-exceed \$30,000 award for design, project management, overhead, fabrication, transportation, installation, insurance, and any other costs associated with the project. (award is based on \$31 per square foot)

Wall Measurements (approx.):

Height: 6'

Width of East Wall: 48'

Width of South Wall: 110'

Total Square Footage: 960'

Materials:

Materials must be durable and appropriate for outdoor applications. Materials must be able to withstand direct sunlight, including protective coatings from constant UV exposure.

About Glendale, AZ:

As the sixth largest city in Arizona, with a population of nearly 255,000, Glendale is a premiere destination to live, work and play. Glendale features premium entertainment and shopping opportunities and a growing list of signature companies that call our city home. The city is also home to Luke Air Force Base and major defense contractors, including Lockheed-Martin, Magellan Aerospace and Honeywell. Other major employers include Red Bull, Global Credit Union, Ball, Bechtel and Nestlé. From major international manufacturers, Fortune 100 firms and luxury auto dealers to locally owned small shops and restaurants, Glendale provides the ideal location for businesses to arrive and thrive. Employers will also find access to robust and qualified talent pipelines, with six postsecondary educational institutions. State Farm Stadium and Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District host hometown team the Arizona Cardinals, as well as mega events such as the Super Bowl and NCAA Final Four. Camelback-Ranch Glendale is the spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox.

Application Package:

- 4-6 images/videos of relevant work. Please do not submit conceptual proposals, renderings, or AI Images. They will not be considered.
- Professional Resume (limited to 500 words)
- Statement of Intent. What interests you about the project? Describe any connections to Glendale or the state of Arizona. This can include personal, professional, or cultural ties that motivate your perspective as an artist. (limited to 500 words)
- An estimated schedule including timeline for design, fabrication, and completion.

Eligibility:

This call is open ONLY to artists who reside in either the East or West Valley of Central Arizona, including, but not limited to, Tempe, Mesa, Buckeye, Surprise, Phoenix, etc.

Questions:

Questions should be submitted to publicart@glendaleaz.com

Selection Process:

The selection process will include the City of Glendale Office of Arts and Culture, and the Glendale Arts Commission. All applications must be submitted through Submittable. The application process is free. No hard copies will be accepted, and no applications should be submitted directly to the Office of Arts and Culture.

Phase One: The Arts Commission will identify the most qualified applicants based on the selection criteria listed below. From the pool of submissions, three finalists will be selected.

Phase Two: Three finalists will each receive a \$1200 honorarium to conduct research, visit the site to determine any pre-fabrication needs, schedule meetings with area Veterans, Veterans Organizations, and Elected Officials, if available, and develop a formal proposal (including a minimum of 2 concept renderings). Finalists will also be welcome to present their concepts with the Glendale Arts Commission.

Phase Three: The Glendale Arts Commission will select a finalist, and an alternate for the project.

Initial Selection Criteria:

The ideal candidate:

- Is comfortable working in an outdoor, public setting.
- Enjoys collaboration.
- Has demonstrated experience creating large scale, two-dimensional, permanent works of art.
- Has the experience and background necessary for the scope of the project.
- Lives and works in the Arizona East or West Valley area. Artists with a connection to the Valley area are encouraged to apply.

Tentative Timeline:

- Deadline for completed applications via Submittable: August 1, 2026
- Arts Commission deliberations: August 18, 2026
- Finalists notified: August 19, 2026
- Finalists research: August 19 – October 9, 2026
- Finalist Concept Packages via Submittable: October 9, 2026
- Presentations and Arts Commission selections: October 20, 2026.