

**COVID-19 Memorial Public Art Project – Submitted Questions/Answers**  
**Monday, February 6, 2023**

**From:** Bill Firestone  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** Lisa Mariam <[LMariam@ARTSFAIRFAX.ORG](mailto:LMariam@ARTSFAIRFAX.ORG)>  
**Subject:** a question concerning the Fairfax County Covid 19 Memorial grant

Hi! I wasn't clear just now, I was on the zoom- is this grant for outdoor sculpture? Or can it be for a 2-D artist too. I am a painter and is this for an outdoor only grant? Thank you...Bill Firestone

**ANSWER:** The commissioned public art project is for a three-dimensional memorial that will be installed in the identified location – it's outdoors.

**From:** JP Muller  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 3:55 PM  
**To:** Lisa Mariam <[LMariam@ARTSFAIRFAX.ORG](mailto:LMariam@ARTSFAIRFAX.ORG)>  
**Subject:** Re: Fairfax County Covid-19 Memorial Artist Information Session

Hi Lisa,

Sorry I was late to the meeting. I look at the call and this is an RFQ - Correct? So, you are looking to qualify an artist and not any proposal at this point - correct?

I have answers for most of the questions but the call says one of the criteria is " Responses to the questionnaire. Is there an available copy of the questionnaire?

**ANSWER:** The Call materials have all been posted on the ArtsFairfax site. We are seeking both ideas or vision of what the artist proposes to create and qualifications.

**From:** Kelly Snyder  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:59 PM  
**To:** Lisa Mariam <[LMariam@ARTSFAIRFAX.ORG](mailto:LMariam@ARTSFAIRFAX.ORG)>  
**Subject:** questions

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Hello Lisa Mariam,

We have a few questions for the Covid 19 Memorial art call. We would appreciate it if you could answer them for us to evaluate whether or not this is a project we can invest time in.

1. A water element was suggested in the call. If there is to be a water element would the county be providing the pumps and filtration system for the water element of the fountain? (supplying the funds for the pumps etc...)
2. With the water element, who is in charge of the maintenance of the fountain and keeping it running?
3. I read that there is a brick foundation that can be removed and concrete placed... are the permits for this supplied by the county and also installed by the county?

4. The sculpture being a public work does the county pay and provide the engineer stamp for creating this structure?

Thank you for your time and We look forward to hearing from you.  
Kelly Snyder

**ANSWERS in red:**

1. A water element was suggested in the call. If there is to be a water element would the county be providing the pumps and filtration system for the water element of the fountain? (supplying the funds for the pumps etc...)

The incorporation of water as part of the memorial is encouraged. All proposals will be reviewed and considered to ensure that any modifications to the existing fountain feature plumbing and pump systems are feasible and can be reasonably modified by the County as part of site preparation for the project. The \$200,000 budget should include any new water elements or plumbing above ground that are inherently considered part of the sculpture. Upon artist/artist team selection, County staff will work with the artist/artist team to coordinate any water elements and cost determinations.

2. With the water element, who is in charge of the maintenance of the fountain and keeping it running?

The successful artist(s)/team will be responsible for providing a sufficient maintenance plan as a function of the agreement with the County. Once the County takes possession of the artwork, maintenance will be the responsibility of the County.

3. I read that there is a brick foundation that can be removed and concrete placed... are the permits for this supplied by the county and also installed by the county?

The site features a low-intensity rock bubbler fountain surrounded by permeable pavers with a substructure of filtration materials and water collection system. The fountain requires collected rainwater to trigger that water feature. The artwork installation must preserve the operation of that stormwater system. Permitting for all issues related to the selected public artwork proposal will be the joint responsibility of the artist(s)/fabricator(s) working collaboratively with County staff.

4. The sculpture being a public work does the county pay and provide the engineer stamp for creating this structure?

As noted, all permitting and related activities will be coordinated with Fairfax County. Without knowing the extent of what may be required, it's not possible to state yet how those activities will be accomplished or underwritten/paid.