

**Call for Artists, Artisans & Craftspeople to Produce Public Art at Pittsburgh Yards™  
DUE JULY 1, 2019 BY 5:00 PM**

Pittsburgh Yards is looking for artists and craftspeople preferably from the NPU-V neighborhoods (Adair Park, Capitol Gateway, Mechanicsville, Peoplestown, Pittsburgh, and Summerhill) and Capitol View Manor to execute multiple public art projects for the first phase of its development.

Pittsburgh Yards, located at 352 University Avenue, anticipated to be a vibrant, living-wage job ecosystem that clusters a range of businesses together including industrial, office, and administrative, along with artistic and creative enterprises, prioritizing NPU-V and Capitol View Manor. Phase I of development includes the adaptive reuse of an existing 61,000 square foot structure into a commercial village of small businesses and a business-centric container yard along the BeltLine. Once complete, the hope is that Pittsburgh Yards will be a vibrant space where residents can work, create, shop, and play.

These art projects are being led by design firm Grafite with curatorial assistance by Pittsburgh resident Meredith Kooi.

This initiative has been allotted \$20,000 - 30,000, so please consider this in your working budgets.

**Timeline**

*Applications Due: July 1, 2019 by 5:00pm*

*Notifications: July 8, 2019*

*Progress Check: August 16, 2019 (\* July 26, 2019 for House Structure)*

*Completion: Mid September 2019 (\* August 16, 2019 for House Structure)*

**Please see each project description for application requirements.**

Both digital and hard copies are accepted. Digital applications can be sent to [meredith.kooi@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.kooi@gmail.com) and hard copies can be dropped in the box located at the info kiosk at the Pittsburgh Yards site at the intersection of Ira St. and University Ave.

Please send your questions and concerns to Meredith Kooi at [meredith.kooi@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.kooi@gmail.com) or leave a message at (630)390-9875 with your name, number, and specific question, and she will return your call.

For more information on the Pittsburgh Yards project, please visit its website at <http://www.pittsburghyards.com/>

## **Project 1: Fiber Art for Green Space Wall**

### ***Description:***

A good life is like a weaving. Energy is created in the tension. The struggle, the pull, and the tug are everything. For this project, the curatorial team is asking for an artist/artisan to take the lead on a weaving/fiber art project that would be developed and executed with the community. The artist will be responsible for working with the community to develop a concept, the work's subject matter and design, and the schedule of the work's execution.

The work will be located in the green space of the building.

The final work's dimensions range from 24 ft to 45 ft long (depending on the final site dimensions) x 10 ft high.

### ***Successful candidates will demonstrate experience in***

- weaving and/or other fiber-based arts and crafts
- collaboration
- instruction, guiding volunteers

### ***Application Requirements***

1. **Resume / CV (as a PDF)** that includes address, email, phone number, and website if applicable
2. **Proposal (as a PDF of no more than 2 pages)** including proposed subject matter with a plan of how you intend to engage the community in both the research and execution of the project.
3. **Portfolio (up to 10 jpgs, 1000 pixels on largest side)**
4. **Bid / Working Budget (as a PDF)** including artist fee + materials

## **Project 2, Part 1: House Structure**

### ***Part 1 Description:***

Home is the base where everything begins. It is where we seek safety. It can also be what we carry with us to find comfort. We are seeking an artist / artisan to produce a 3D frame of a house made of powder-coated steel that will be used as the set for portraits of NPU-V community members. The structure needs to be mobile so needs to be in sections and able to be taken apart. Additionally, it needs to have hinges, so it can be fixed to the walls inside Pittsburgh Yards.

Since this project will be used as the set for NPU-V community member portraits, the deadline is sooner than the other projects.

The house dimensions should be in the range of 6 ft x 5 ft x 10 ft and must be ADA accessible.

### ***Successful candidates will demonstrate experience in***

- 3D design
- Welding
- Working with powder-coated steel

### ***Application Requirements***

1. **Resume / CV (as a PDF)** that includes address, email, phone number, and website if applicable
2. **Proposal (as a PDF of no more than 1 page)** including a working timeline.
3. **Portfolio (up to 10 jpgs, 1000 pixels on largest side)**, including a draft design of the structure you intend to build if chosen
4. **Bid / Working Budget (as a PDF)** including artist fee + materials

## **Project 2, Part 2: Portraits**

### ***Part 2 Description:***

Alone we do so little, together we can do so much. For this project, we are seeking a photographer to make portraits of NPU-V and Capitol View Manor community members using the 3D house structure as described above as the set for the portrait sittings. These portraits will be printed and displayed with the house in Pittsburgh Yards.

### ***Successful candidates will demonstrate experience in***

- Portrait photography including
  - Scheduling portrait sessions
  - Set dec
  - Lighting
  - Guiding / instructing subjects
- Printing photographs
- Installing photographs

### ***Application Requirements***

1. **Resume / CV (as a PDF)** that includes address, email, phone number, and website if applicable
2. **Proposal (as a PDF of no more than 2 pages)** including a plan for working with the community, an anticipated timeline for portrait sessions, and proposal for printing and how you anticipate installing the photographs
3. **Portfolio (up to 10 jpgs, 1000 pixels on largest side)**
4. **Bid / Working Budget (as a PDF)** including artist fee + materials

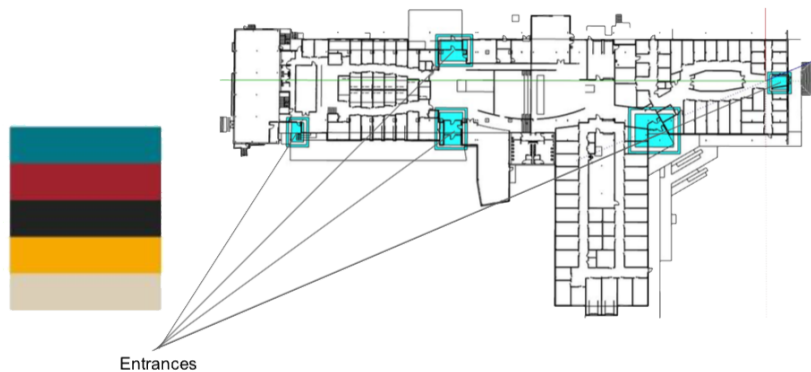
### **Project 3: Color Blocking for Wayfinding**

#### ***Description:***

This first phase of Pittsburgh Yards is meant to showcase the diversity of people, practices, and ideas of NPU-V and Capitol View Manor. One way of doing this is through how we are going to approach wayfinding and creating experiences for people when they enter this first building. We are seeking an artist to use the brand's colors to underscore how this is a multifaceted space that wants the newcomer and the person coming back to experience joy and moments of color and change.

The curatorial team highly encourages proposals that focus on community collaboration, especially those that involve student artists.

Dimensions will vary, but color blocking will be on walls and floors with walls being at a range up to 15 ft high



#### ***Successful candidates will demonstrate experience in***

- 2D design
- Murals and/or painting and/or interior
- Community collaboration, if applicable

#### ***Application Requirements***

1. **Resume / CV (as a PDF)** that includes address, email, phone number, and website if applicable
2. **Proposal (as a PDF of no more than 2 pages)** including initial design ideas that incorporate the themes of Pittsburgh Yards and the color schemes, and if applicable, the plan to engage the community in the design and execution of the project
3. **Portfolio (up to 10 jpgs, 1000 pixels on largest side)**
4. **Bid / Working Budget (as a PDF)** including artist fee + materials

## **Project 4: Banners**

### ***Description:***

This project is about highlighting Leaders, Creatives, and Change Makers in the community. Who are the people that have made an impact in NPU-V and Capitol View Manor? Oftentimes, many of the people who have led the charge are forgotten. Who should be recognized? We are seeking an artist to lead a project that is image-based that pays tribute to folks either past or present who are at the helm.

This project will be in the community space by the reception area and will most likely hang from the ceiling.

Dimensions variable.

### ***Successful candidates will demonstrate experience in***

- Working with community
- Historical research
- Printing images at various sizes on a range of materials including textiles and canvas
- Installing images

### ***Application Requirements***

1. **Resume / CV (as a PDF)** that includes address, email, phone number, and website if applicable
2. **Proposal (as a PDF of no more than 2 pages)** including research plan, project execution plan with community, and installation plan
3. **Portfolio (up to 10 jpgs, 1000 pixels on largest side)**
4. **Bid / Working Budget (as a PDF)** including artist fee + materials