

SPARC (Sedalia Parks Art as Recreation Committee) is delighted to announce an open call opportunity to commission a new public realm artwork to be sited at the new Heckart Community Center in Sedalia, Missouri. The Heckart Community Center will open in March of 2022 and will be located at 3rd Street and Limit (South 65 Highway). The artwork will be located on the exterior.

We are inviting artists to propose initial ideas in response to the Call for Artists. Shortlisted artists will be invited to an online interview, with one proposal selected for approval by the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Board.

Maximum Budget: \$25,000

Installation Location: Heckart Community Center, Sedalia, MO

Dates to Remember:

- October 1, 2021: Call for Artist Submission Deadline 4:00 p.m.
- October 11, 2021: Shortlisted Artists Online or In-person Interview
- October 20, 2021: Chosen Artist Notified
- October 25, 2021: Project and artist announced publicly
- March 2022: **SPARC** Committee visits artist
- May 2022: Artist informs committee of needs for site preparation
- July 2022: **SPARC** Committee visits artist
- October 2022: Art piece installed

Commissioning Information:

We are seeking to appoint an artist with:

- An established record of works sited in the public realm
- A practice that is strongly participatory and socially engaging
- A record of producing work that engages and involves local communities, removing barriers to participation in the arts

SPARC is seeking an artist(s) to create an imaginative response to the call for artists, in particular we are looking for a response that:

- Can be installed within the grounds Heckart Community Center in Sedalia, MO
- Adds to the visitor experience at the Heckart
- Appeals to a diverse local audience - both people that already visit the site and also attracting new visitors, and higher frequency of visits at all times of the year
- Parks and Rec will prepare the site according to artists' spec (such as size of pad.)

How to Apply

Submit the following via email to SedaliaSPARC@gmail.com

A resume

A selection of up to 10 images of previous work

We actively support applications from artists of diverse backgrounds and protected groups.

SPARC is a committee of Sedalia Parks and Recreation whose mission is to enhance the quality of life through art and nature of those who visit Sedalia's parks.