



# CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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## Call for Art: Inaugural Outdoor Origami Sculpture Exhibition

The City of Battle Creek's Small Business Development Office (SBDO) is seeking sculptures for an outdoor origami sculpture exhibition to be displayed at various locations throughout downtown Battle Creek. Sculptures will be on display, open and free for the public to view, for one (1) year. Of the five to seven sculptures chosen for display, one will be selected by the public at the end of the one year exhibition, and then purchased by the SBDO and remain in downtown Battle Creek indefinitely. With the goals of increasing access to art, beautifying the downtown and enriching our community, the SBDO will offer a stipend of \$950 for each sculpture selected from regional artists or artist teams. Stipends are intended to be used for general project expenses including transportation, insurance, and installation/removal.

### Size of sculpture entries:

- Artists are commissioned to create a place-making large scale (approximately 3ft long x 5ft wide x 6ft high) origami-inspired project that will be placed on outdoor display.
- Concrete pad will be supplied by the SBDO and sculptures must have the ability to be bolted to the concrete pad.

### Sculpture Submission Requirements and Selection Process:

- Each artist may submit up to 3 sculpture entries via digital photographs or detailed concept sketches.
- Each submission must include artist's name, contact info, title, dimensions, media and sale price.
- Sculptures must be weatherproof and designed to withstand environmental conditions for at least two years. Care and maintenance of exhibited work is the responsibility of the artist.
- The artist is responsible for transportation of selected sculptures to and from the display pad. The City of Battle Creek SBDO will work with the artist to install the sculpture.
- If applicable, entry must include any special installation requirements.
- Sculptures may be offered for sale during the exhibition but must be exhibited in Downtown Battle Creek for the full one year contest duration.
- Artists are responsible for the removal of all sculptures at the end of exhibition by date prearranged with the SBDO. Sculptures not removed in a timely fashion will be subject to storage or disposal fees.
- **Sculpture must be insured by artist.** The City will not provide insurance coverage.
- The Origami Art Exhibition Committee will review and select entries. All sculptures must have strong visual appeal, be origami-inspired, and complement or highlight the locations to be installed.
- Publicity will be provided by the SBDO for the selected sculptures. Entering a sculpture into this exhibition shall be acknowledgement by the artist that it understands and agrees to be bound by all of the above conditions. Such agreement includes permission for the City of Battle Creek SBDO to photographically reproduce any of the installed sculptures for publicity and educational purposes.

### **Calendar deadlines:**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2021**

**Notification of selections by July 15, 2021**

**Installation of art: October 15, 2021**

**Removal of art: October 2022**

### **Email supporting materials to:**

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