Call for Sculpture Artist
Cheektowaga Town Park, Cheektowaga NY
Public Art Project

Arts Services Inc. of Western New York (ASI), on behalf of Assemblymember Monica P. Wallace’s Office, invites artists in all appropriate mediums from throughout Western New York to submit proposals for an outdoor public art project located at Cheektowaga Town Park on Harlem Road in Cheektowaga, NY. This request is for a sculpture to be placed near the Town Recreation Building or other area of the park that has heavy foot traffic.

Project Background and Goals
The Town of Cheektowaga has an extensive Polish Heritage and history, and this public art project is intended to celebrate that entire heritage and history within Town Park. Town Park is not only an open recreational space for residents, but also hosts many of Polish heritage and cultural activities throughout the year. The requested public art project will be enjoyed by residents and those from the Polish heritage community alike.

Assemblymember Monica P. Wallace’s Office is seeking a sculpture (of any type of material, size, and base) that celebrates the town’s Polish heritage. This public art work is meant to engage residents to celebrate history, while encouraging ongoing Polish traditions.

The sculpture would be placed near the Recreation Building (or another heavily trafficked area of the park, as suggested by the artist).

The chosen work should:
- Celebrate the totality of Polish History, and not the contributions of one individual or singular moment from that history;
- Artists are encouraged to propose designs that are creative, innovative, informative, and expansive of traditional Polish history;
- Designs should present the whole array of Polish heritage, and not a single historical item or individual from the heritage;
- The sculpture can be of any material, size, and base; artists are encouraged to think beyond traditional bronze statues;
- Have an expected lifespan of 3-5 years unprotected from the elements.

Budget
A commission of $20,000-$26,000 is available for the chosen artist to create and install their work.

Artists are required to provide all supplies and materials to complete the work, including a scissor lift or bucket truck, if needed. The Town of Cheektowaga may be able to arrange storage options on site if needed. Please include any and all requests in artist proposal. Artist should detail what assistance or materials are provided by his/her/themself and what may be required or needed by The Town of Cheektowaga or others in their proposal (if applicable).

**Timeline**

**Deadline to Submit:** No later than 5 pm on Friday, September 23

**September:** Selection of Artist

**October:** Public Announcement of Selection

**October:** Implementation & Planning Meetings; completed and installed work (weather-dependent)

The timeline will adhere to property status and preparation (if needed) to execute a sculpture when appropriate; including factoring in proper weather conditions.

**Proposals should include:**

- A description of the work including materials and dimensions;
- Sketches of the work;
- A budget including artist fees, supplies and materials, and any other costs associated to create the work;
- Links to examples of past work; and
- Contact information (including email, phone, and address).

Proposals should be sent electronically (in PDF form) to info@asiwny.org with the subject line ‘Cheektowaga NY Proposal’, as can questions. Since Town Park is open and available to the public, a site visit to see it can be done at any time necessary.

Proposals are due no later than 5 pm on Friday, September 23, 2022.

A panel of qualified, arts and business professionals (including community members of the Town of Cheektowaga and other resident parties) will review proposals for their eligibility and appropriateness for the project.

**Photo Attachments Below:**