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**Call for Sculptors / Sculptural Fabricators**  
***LoveU Buffalo Art Park***  
**Public Art Project**

Arts Services Inc. of Western New York (ASI), on behalf of Assemblymember Jon D. Rivera's Office, and in partnership with the River Rock Community Coalition, invites experienced sculptors, sculptural fabricators, or artist groups to submit proposals for a permanent large-scale outdoor sculpture at the *LoveU Buffalo Art Park* located at 99 Thompson Street, Buffalo NY 14207 in the historic Black Rock neighborhood.

This call prioritizes artists living within the 5 counties of Western New York, including Erie, Niagara, Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua and is open to experienced sculptors and sculptural fabricators. Artists may apply as individuals or collaborative teams.

**Project Background and Goals**

This signature sculpture will serve as the focal point of a broader park revitalization effort and reflect the resilience of the Black Rock community. The work should align with the park's mission to promote healing, hope, and empowerment through the arts. Artists are asked to propose a phoenix-inspired design that symbolizes renewal and the power to rise from adversity.

**Site Specifications & Measurements**

This sculpture will serve as a visual and symbolic anchor within the *LoveU Buffalo Art Park*. The proposed park is a public green space designed to house multiple murals, a rock garden, and a variety of conversation spaces encouraging visitors to linger and connect.

Recommended Sculptural Dimensions:

- Maximum width: 6 feet
- Maximum depth: 6 feet
- Maximum height: 7 feet

**Project Materials**

The proposed sculpture will be installed outdoors year-round, preference will be given to metal and other durable, weather-resistant materials that can withstand Buffalo's climate and remain structurally and visually sound over time. Additional considerations for a durable installation should be made within the proposal.

**Budget**

A commission of \$20,000 is available for the selected artist or artist team. The commission includes:

- Artist fees
- Materials
- Fabrication
- Installation
- Transportation



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Artist(s) are responsible for providing all necessary equipment and materials required to design, fabricate and complete the work. Any requests for site support, access needs, or additional assistance should be outlined in the proposal. Development of the *LoveU Buffalo Art Park* is still underway and the River Rock Community Coalition will not be able to provide storage or water access for the artist(s), accommodations may be possible upon request. Please include any and all requests in the artist proposal. Artists should detail what assistance or materials are provided by his/her/themself and what may be required by the River Rock Coalition in their proposal.

### Timeline

- Call Opens: Monday, March 16, 2026
- Deadline to Submit: Friday, May 1, 2026 by 5pm
- Panel Review & Selection Meetings: May 2026
- Public Announcement of Selection: Early June 2026
- Project Design, Fabrication, & Installation: June – August 2026
- Project Completion: Early Fall 2026

The timeline will adhere to weather conditions and site-specific considerations.

### Proposal Requirements & Submission Process

Proposals must be submitted electronically through an online Jotform (available here), which will collect contact information (including name, email address, phone number, and mailing address) and proposal details. Within the Jotform, applicants will be prompted to upload a single PDF document that includes the following:

- A written description of the proposed work, including materials and approximate dimensions
- Concept sketches or visual references
- Proposed installation approach
- A detailed budget outlining artist fees, fabrication costs, additional supply costs, and any additional project-related costs. Please note; the budget needs to include the cost of transportation and installation
- If the artist(s) opts to include interpretive signage, this should be included
- Hyperlinks or image of past work examples

Please note; this opportunity prioritizes artists living in Western New York. If the artist(s) does not currently live in the region, they will be asked to share their connection to Western New York or what makes them an appropriate artist for this project.

### Questions & Site Visits

- Questions about the call for work, application requirements, deadlines, or submission process can be directed to Arts Services Inc. (ASI) at [info@asiwny.org](mailto:info@asiwny.org) or (716) 833-3004 x.515
- Artists interested in visiting the site or learning more about the physical space may contact George Fitzpatrick, President of the River Rock Community Coalition at: [rccbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:rccbuffalo@gmail.com).
- At this time, the park's future home is on private property, but it can be viewed respectfully at 99 Thompson St, Buffalo, NY 14207.



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A panel of qualified arts professionals, community members, and project partners will review proposals for artistic excellence, artist(s) ties to WNY, relevance to the theme, feasibility, and appropriateness for the site.

### Photo of the Site of Installation



### LoveU Buffalo Art Park Potential Layout Rendering

