



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center Public Art Project Reno, Nevada

Deadline: June 19th, 2023 at 11:59 pm PST
Budget: \$525,000

SUMMARY:

The City of Reno is accepting qualifications from artists/artist teams and artist-led design teams for a public art opportunity at the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center in Reno, NV. Artists and design teams working in the United States and who have experience designing projects with a similar budget and scope are encouraged to apply.

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

The City of Reno is seeking artists and artist-led design teams for a large-scale public art project that comprises multiple artworks and locations for artwork. The City is looking for projects that take into consideration the history of the site and the unique characteristics of the surrounding environment.

There are multiple locations that the City is interested in commissioning artwork for including the exterior north facing facade of the building, the interior main corridor, the outdoor soaking pool area, the entrance lobby, and the surrounding grounds (exact locations to be determined). Artwork may include sculpture, suspended art, mural, relief, and artistic lighting components. The Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center Public Art Project is an opportunity to create art across the facility and grounds that will function together with a cohesive, overarching vision.

This call for artists is looking to program 5 main areas with artwork. Each location is different and will require a unique approach. Artists and artists teams/artist-led design teams should take the following into consideration for each location:

- Creating multiple visual angles and approaches
- Day and night activation
- Artwork sustainability and conservation

Selected artists/artist teams/design team will be expected to work with the community, City staff, building architects and engineers, and stakeholders to design the final artworks. The City is encouraging teams of artists or design teams to apply for this opportunity. [Link to the project website.](#)

ABOUT THE LOCATION:

Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center is being constructed on five acres of the same site that has seen two prior pools. The original facility was constructed in 1905 as a hot springs resort named Moana Springs. The surrounding area also has a history of recreation that at one time included a lake for winter ice skating and summer boating, a dance hall and bar, a baseball diamond, and rodeos. The property was purchased by the City of Reno in 1957 and a municipal pool was built on the site in 1960 that operated until 2007. The

pool closed in 2011 and the facilities were demolished in 2012. [Link to Reno Historical](#) for more on the history of the site. The new site will have a park area with a new playground among a grouping of mature existing trees. The building will be approximately 52,000 square feet and will be a concrete and steel framed building with lots of glass to let in natural light. Two pools and a fitness center will be inside the building, with a third pool outside on the back patio. Inside will be a 50 meter pool for competitions and a separate pool for recreational use. Outside will be a heated soaking pool for a relaxing retreat from the action inside. The facility also includes multipurpose rooms, locker rooms and a second floor viewing platform above the competition pool. On one side of the new facility are existing soccer fields and baseball fields. See below for site images.

BUDGET:

Projected budget is not to exceed \$525,000 for the entire project. This budget is inclusive of all costs associated with the design, planning, engineering, permitting, fabrication, installation, and completion of the project. This budget includes all travel costs and insurance. This budget does not include the costs for initial proposal design and travel outlined in Phase 2 below.

ARTIST QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY:

- Artists age 18 or older may apply as an individual or a team
- Must have experience in completing outdoor/indoor public works of similar scale
- Must be available for on-site visit to Reno
- Eligible applicants must reside in the United States
- Able to address climate specific to the site (dry, sun, heat, wind, freezing, etc)

SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA:

Phase 1 – selection of up to 5 finalists (artist teams/design teams)

The submitted qualifications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of the Public Art Committee of the RACC and community representatives. Selection of finalists will be based on the following criteria:

- Quality of letter of interest.
- Quality of work samples.
- Ability to complete the project based on bio, previous work, and references.
- Ability to come to Reno in July of 2023 for site-visit and community engagement sessions.

Phase 2 – selecting one artist/team for the project

Finalists will be paid a stipend of \$4000 and travel will be paid for up to two team members. Finalists will give a public presentation of past work with emphasis on collaboration with stakeholders and commissioning organizations and be interviewed by the selection committee. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. Then, finalists will have approximately two months to develop proposals for a potential design based on the community input and interviews. Proposals will include artwork for multiple locations per images below. Finalists will present their proposals in a public meeting to the selection committee and the community. Selection of a finalist artist/team will be based on the following criteria:

- Appropriateness of proposed design/aesthetic and materials for the site.
- Responsiveness of design/artwork to community input.
- Ability to complete the project within the timeline and budget provided.

Selected artists/design team will be expected to work with the community, City staff, building architects and engineers, and stakeholders to design the final artworks.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be submitted via [Submittable](https://cityofrenoartscultureandevents.submittable.com/submit).

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1. *Resume or CV*: Current professional resume or curriculum vitae (CV), detailing professional artistic accomplishments, including bio and artist address, email, and phone number. Submit information for all team members.
2. *References*: List 2 references from past public art projects, including title and contact information for each reference.
3. *Work Samples*: 5-10 images of recent previously completed artwork. Include title, year completed, materials/media, client, location, budget, and description of work.
4. *Letter of Interest*: Address how the applicant's previous experience and current artistic direction will result in a successful public art project for this space. Include detailed information on how you would approach this project and how it will reflect the regional community.

Estimated timeline:

RFQ announced: May 1st, 2023

Deadline for questions: May 12th, 2023 11:59 pm PST

Response to questions posted: May 19th, 2023 5:00 pm PST

RFQ submission deadline: June 12th, 2023 11:59 pm PST

July 2023: Committee review and selection of finalists; selection results will be sent to all applicants.

August 2023: Finalist interviews, community input sessions, and site visit; finalists must interview in person.

October 2023: Proposals due, presentation of proposals. Artist/artist team/design team selected for Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center Public Art Project.

November 2023 - January 2024: Artist/team will work with staff, community, Council, architect, and contractor to finalize designs for artwork via stakeholder meetings.

January 2024: Proposed artwork will go to the City Council for final approval.

February - August 2024: Artwork is fabricated and installed in coordination with construction, all artwork will be installed upon or before completion of construction and opening of the facility.

All questions regarding this request for qualifications are to be directed to Megan Berner, Arts & Culture Manager, City of Reno at bernerm@reno.gov or 775-326-6333.



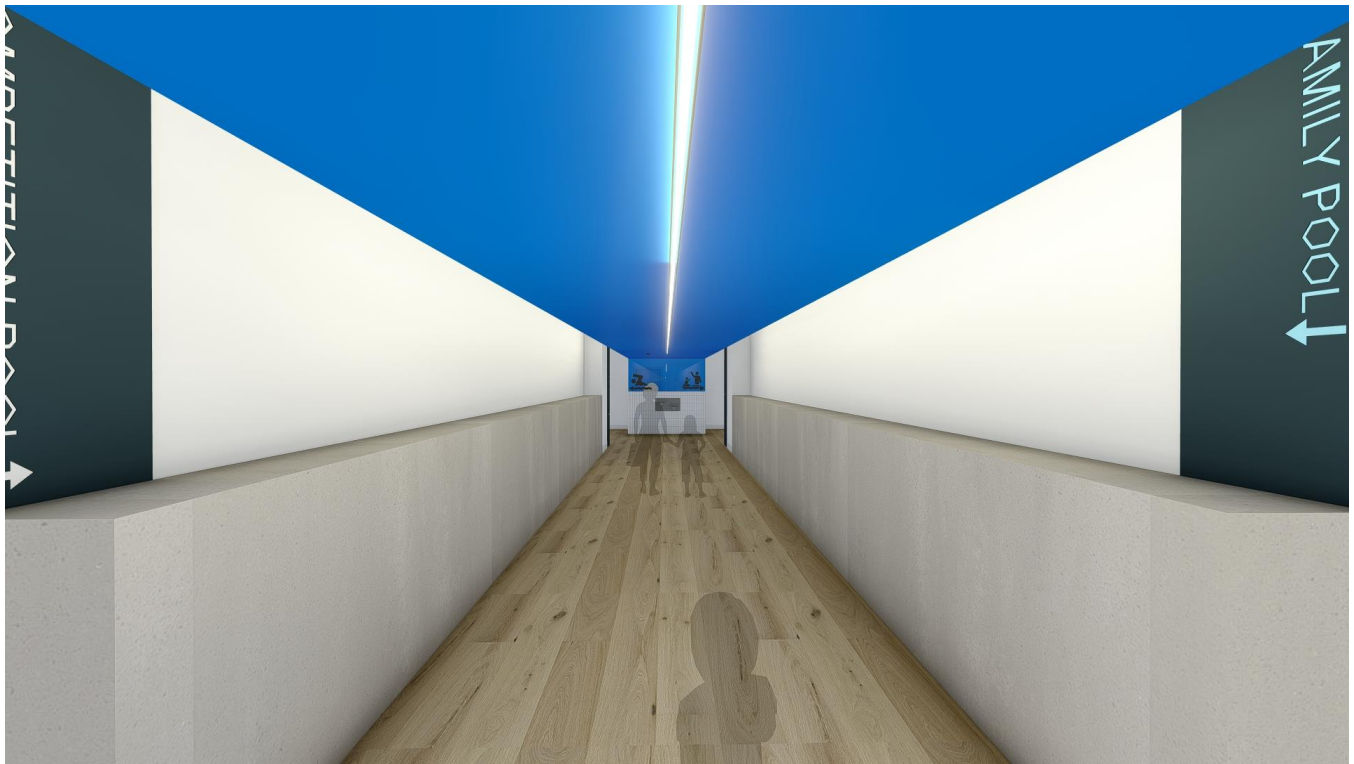
Overall site plan (yellow highlighted areas indicate priority areas for artwork).



View of exterior north-facing facade.



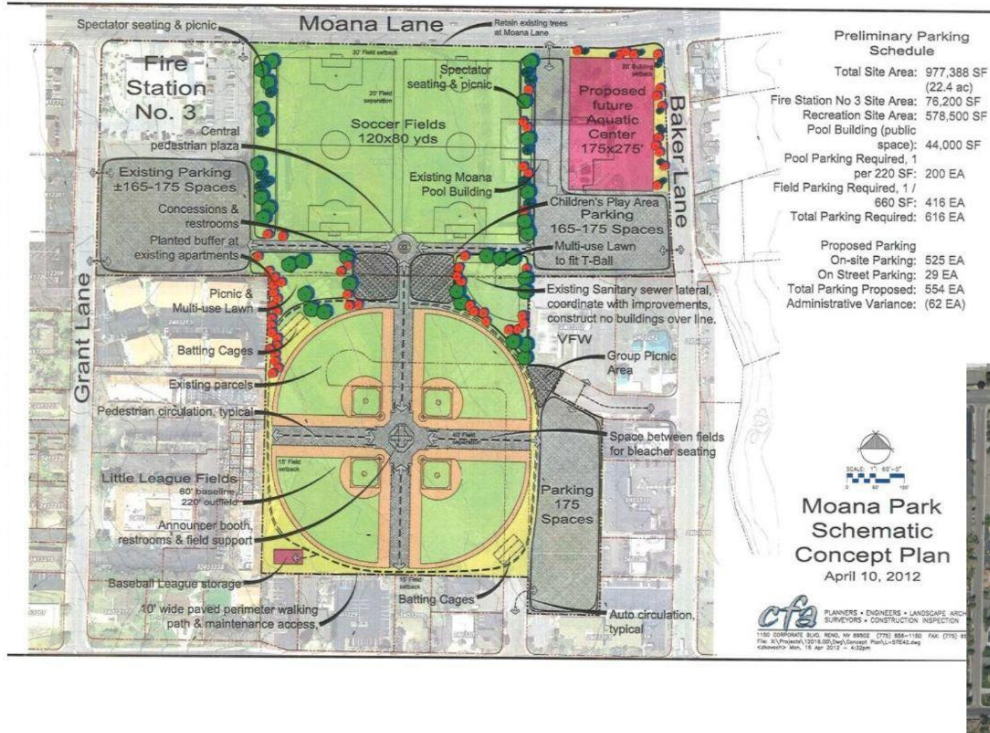
View of outdoor soaking pool, south-facing.



View of the main interior corridor.

PARK MASTER PLAN

MOANA SPRINGS RECREATION COMPLEX



DESCRIPTION: Moana Springs Recreation Complex comprises 11.4 acres on West Moana Lane. Site includes a neighborhood playground, a large soccer field, which is leased to Great Basin Youth Soccer League for their exclusive use, and the Jack Tighe Fields (see separate plan).

Address: 240 West Moana Lane **Grid coordinates:** 39.490731, -119.799630

FEATURES: Park currently contains a 4.3 acre soccer field, .75 acres of open turf, a small playground, picnic tables and two large parking lots.

HISTORY: The Moana Pool closed in 2007 after failure of the boiler; the Moana Baseball Stadium closed in 2011 because of deteriorated conditions and failure of the irrigation system. City demolished the facilities in 2012 and constructed the soccer field, with assistance from GBYSL, for a City cost of \$571,000. The playground was replaced in 1996. The Recreation Complex also includes the Jack Tighe Fields, which are listed separately in this document.

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Construct a new aquatics center with private assistance
2. Construct neighborhood park in common area components of Moana Springs Plan, to include new playground and permanent restrooms.

MAINTENANCE IMPACT: The soccer field is leased to and fully maintained by GBYSL; see Jack Tighe plan for the current baseball fields. The maintenance impact on the existing park grounds is relatively low.