



**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
WATCHEMOKET SQUARE PUBLIC ART  
SCOPE OF WORK – REVISED WITH ADDENDUM #1  
RFQ EP20/21-27  
APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021 AT 11:00 AM**

The City of East Providence (The City) is seeking one (1) leasable, pre-existing, outdoor sculpture to be installed for two years the Watchemoket Square Waterfront Gateway Sculpture Garden in East Providence, Rhode Island.

This will be a temporary two year installation with the option for the City to extend the lease at the end of two years or purchase outright. Purchase price will be based on the difference between the assessed value of the piece and artists fees paid up to the time of sale.

Compensation to the selected artist will be provided as an artist fee of (\$2,500 upon installation and \$2,500 upon de-installation) and exposure on the City of East Providence and the EP Arts Council website as well as other related media. The City will cover up to \$500 in transportation costs.

**Exhibition dates: December 2021 – December 2023**

**Site Description**

The Watchemoket Sculpture Garden is a public open space located in the heart of Watchemoket Square in East Providence, Rhode Island. Watchemoket Square is a gateway to the East Providence Waterfront and the cities’ long-standing business corridor on Warren Avenue. The sculpture garden is the center of the square, bordered by Valley Street, Warren Avenue, and Waterfront Drive. Elevated to the northeast of the sculpture garden is a raised traffic-way that supports motorists and cyclists traveling on Interstate 195 and the East Bay Bike Path.

The new outdoor sculpture will be part of a broader placemaking initiative in Watchemoket Square that establishes an arts district in the area of the square with the sculpture garden as its focal point. The sculpture garden is well landscaped with a stone bench and sidewalks, which are maintained by the City. A 30’ by 15’ concrete pad will be constructed prior to sculpture installation to anchor the leased piece.

**East Providence**

East Providence is the fifth largest City in Rhode Island, with approximately 47,000 residents. East Providence exudes small town charm with all of the benefits of living in an emerging metropolitan community. East Providence’s waterfront and recreational amenities are popular attractions that draw visitors from throughout the region. The City’s advantage is its close proximity to the City of Providence,

Narragansett Bay, and Interstate 195 which provides access to Providence in five minutes and Boston in 50 minutes.

East Providence experiences typical New England weather ranging from an average of 21 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter to 81 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer. It can be humid during the summertime and the region experiences infrequent extreme weather including tropical storm winds. The outdoor sculpture must be made to withstand the full range of weather for the leased time period.

### **Selection of Artist**

All submitted pieces will be scored by a selection panel and submitted to the mayor for final approval. The selected piece will be offered a place in the Watchemoket Square Sculpture Garden.

### **Eligibility**

This Open Call RFQ is open to all artists over the age of eighteen (18) and residents of the United States. City of East Providence employees and members of the East Providence Arts Council are not eligible to apply.

### **Sculpture**

The City is seeking original, pre-existing sculpture art works that must meet the following requirements:

1. The work must be original.
2. The work must be structurally sound so as to be secured to a 30'x15' concrete pad with anchor bolts or similar devises, and must not extend beyond that boundary. The sculpture is not required to fill the 30' x 15' space.
3. The work must be capable of withstanding adverse weather conditions common to East Providence including hot summers, cold winters, humidity, heavy rain, wind, thunderstorms, snow and occasional tropical storm.
4. The work must be suitable for pedestrian interaction with low exposure to injury. The public must be protected from possible injury from materials. The work must not include moving parts.
5. The work must be available for a period of at least two years, from installation in December 2021 to removal in December 2023.

### **Themes**

Applicants are encouraged to submit entries of any theme. Pieces that align with the site location and history are especially encouraged, including, but not limited to themes related to the waterfront, the industrial age, Native American history, or Portuguese themes.

### **General Information**

**Installation/De-installation:** The selected artist will be responsible for transportation of their work to and from the site and must be on site to oversee installation and de-installation of the sculpture piece. Transportation costs to and from East Providence will be reimbursed for up to \$500. Installation costs regarding site preparation will not be the responsibility of the Artist. The City will provide adequate staff but **cannot provide a crane truck**. The artist will be expected to supervise with installation and de-installation.

**Compensation:** The artist will receive a \$5,000 artist fee for the 24-month lease of the piece, paid in two installments. Upon the successful installation of the selected sculpture the Artist will receive a \$2,500 fee. Upon de-installation and retrieval of the sculpture, the Artist will receive the additional \$2,500 fee.

**Additional Information:**

- Artist chosen shall enter into an artist agreement with the City that will outline maintenance requirements
- Artist has full legal title and copyrights to the sculpture while on temporary loan to The City
- All Questions and/or requests for additional information should be submitted to the East Providence Planning and Economic Development department at [wfazioli@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:wfazioli@eastprovidenceri.gov) no later than October 15, 2021 at 4pm
- *Because The City is self-insured, each Artist shall be solely responsible for providing all risk property insurance coverage for the sculpture while on loan and during transportation and removal from the exhibit site. Upon selection, proof of insurance shall be provided by the Artist chosen.*

**General Conditions**

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to select and negotiate services in the best interest of the City

**Calendar**

Date for upload of application: October 1, 2021

Site Visit (Not Required to Apply): October 12, 2021 (Time TBD)

**Last date for application submission: October 29, 2021**

Notification of selected artists: November 19, 2021

Installation of sculptures: December 2021 (Tentative)

De-installation of sculptures: December 2023 (Tentative)

**Application Guidelines**

Artists must submit a digital version and three (3) hard copies in a sealed envelope to:

East Providence City Hall  
Controllers Office, Room 103  
Attn: Dawn Kenney, Procurement Specialist  
145 Taunton Avenue  
East Providence, RI 02914