



## CALL FOR ARTISTS

The AZ Creative Communities team from Yuma is seeking an artist to join the team in creating a community-based mural program. The desired artist resides outside of Yuma County in order to have an objective perspective of the community.

### ABOUT THE AZ CREATIVE COMMUNITIES INSTITUTE

The *AZ Creative Communities Institute (AZ CCI)* offers small teams a unique opportunity to explore the many ways creativity can be put to work for positive community impact, and to collaboratively design up to a 5-month embedded artist project. Yuma is one of nine communities working with the Arizona Commission on the Arts and Arizona State University's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts (ASU HIDA), with guidance from Southwest Folklife Alliance on the *AZ Creative Communities Institute*. *AZ CCI* teams are members of an active learning network, with opportunities to learn from and with local and national experts, as well as peers from other Arizona cities/towns and neighborhoods.

### FRAMEWORK/VISION

"Our overall vision for this project is to help us unify our arts community and strengthen our community's identity. We are hoping to create a self-sustaining program that will allow our arts community to strengthen and help Yuma become more art focused. We feel that having an outsider's perspective on ways in which to use art to help spread this message will help guide us in building this framework. Ideally we are searching for an artist that has experience in various media so as to better speak to our art community and help emphasize the idea that a unified art community is a stronger one. We are searching for an artist with leadership skills and able to work collaboratively with our team and our community." -Team Yuma

### TIMEFRAME AND COMMITMENT

The AZ CCI is currently underway and takes place through June 30, 2018. An artist joining our team would:

- Attend each of the 2-day, in-person Learning Sessions in their entirety:
  - November 3-4, 2017, Phoenix, AZ
  - March 16-17, 2018, Phoenix, AZ
  - June 8-9, 2018, Phoenix, AZ

Learning sessions are designed to provide each team with knowledge, skills, and tools to collaborate and implement creative community listening and engagement strategies, and it is through the November learning session that teams will begin to shape their embedded artist residency project together.

- Engage fully in the process to develop a clearer sense of themselves and to engage communities in an effective and equitable manner.



- Collaborate on the development and delivery of the embedded artist residency component, to take place between January and May 2017.

## COMPENSATION

AZ CCI partners, Arizona Commission on the Arts, Arizona State University’s Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts (ASU HIDA), and Southwest Folklife Alliance will provide the following financial support for the selected artist:

- Up to \$5,500 for artist fees supporting the embedded artist project; exact amount will be determined by the length of time and scope of work that the team develops for the project. Budgets will be co-developed with AZ CCI partners during the Institute.
- A \$750 honorarium to support attendance at each of the in-person Learning Sessions (\$250 per Learning Session for 3 Sessions total, with potential adjustment based on attendance).
- Direct-booking of hotel rooms for Thursday and/or Friday evenings, as needed, for each of the 3 in-person Learning Sessions.

## SUBMISSION PROCESS AND GUIDELINES

### Eligibility

Any artist with a background in community engagement through arts practices who resides outside of Yuma County may apply. Though artists of any disciplines, including the performing arts may apply, the preferred artist will have experience in visual arts with a background in creating murals, installations and/or have experience working in a public art setting.

### Selection Process

Prospective artists must submit all requested materials no later than October 13, 2017 Applicants will be reviewed by the members of Team Yuma and may meet with potential artists as needed. The selected artist will be notified by October 20, 2017

### How to Apply

Submit a cover letter, CV or resume, and a brief portfolio with 3-5 examples, narratives, images or videos of completed works. Please send all materials to [Arts@YumaAz.gov](mailto:Arts@YumaAz.gov) or mail to: the Yuma Art Center at 254 S. Main Street, Yuma, AZ 85364.

## DEADLINE

**October 13, 2017**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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