

sfac san francisco arts commission

MISSION BAY SCHOOL PUBLIC ART PROJECT PLAN

For presentation to Visual Arts Committee January 17, 2024



View of SFUSD Mission Bay School east entry

BACKGROUND (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW)

The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) is developing a new Mission Bay School, located on 2.5 acres at 6th Street and Nelson Rising Lane in San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood. The school will include a PK - 5 elementary school; a Linked Learning Hub for students enrolled in SFUSD high schools where they are offered unique opportunities to connect their learning with career experiences and workforce readiness; and a professional learning resource for teachers and staff to receive training in support of ever-changing methods of teaching and ways to engage students. The new Mission Bay school is scheduled to open August 2025 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

ART OPPORTUNITY

Tile or mosaic artwork located on the exterior of the school's east entrance. Artwork area measures approximately 330 ft².

PROJECT GOALS

Artwork will be bold and colorful, visually enhance the learning environment, and inspire and engage students.

AE and ARTWORK BUDGET

Total Art Enrichment Amount: \$250,000

Artwork Budget: \$136,000, inclusive of all artist’s fees, as well as associated expenses for artwork design, fabrication, insurance, transportation, and installation.

ARTIST RECRUITMENT APPROACH AND ELIGIBILITY

Arts Commission staff will post a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which is open to professional practicing artists who reside in the United States.

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

After the application deadline the Arts Commission staff will screen applications to establish the pool of artists meeting the minimum eligibility requirements, which are professional practicing artists who reside in the United States. The eligible applications will be presented to an artist qualification panel consisting of one SFAC staff member, one representative of SFUSD, and one arts professional who will review and score the applications to identify the short list of qualified artists to be considered for the project opportunity.

The list of qualified artists will be presented to the Mission Bay School Artist Review Panel consisting of two representatives of SFUSD, one representative of the Mission Bay School design team, one Arts Commissioner, one community member, and two arts professionals. The panel will identify three finalists who will be invited to develop site-specific conceptual proposals after attending an orientation session with the project team and key stakeholders. These finalists will be paid an honorarium of \$3,000 plus travel reimbursement for development of a proposal.

The Mission Bay School Artist Review Panel will reconvene to consider the finalists’ proposals in an interview format and will select one artist for recommendation to the Arts Commission.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- A community representative will serve on the Mission Bay School Artist Review Panel and will participate in the Artist Orientation
- The finalists’ proposals will be on display for public comment near the project site and on the SFAC website for two weeks prior to the final review panel meeting
- All review panels, Visual Arts Committee (VAC) and Commission meetings are open to the public.

TIMELINE (Subject to change)

Project Plan Approval (VAC)	January 17, 2024
RFQ Issued	January 19
RFQ Deadline	March 18
Qualification Panel	Week of April 15
First Project Artist Review Panel	Week of April 22
Artist Finalist Orientation	Week of May 6
Finalist Proposals Due	June 24
Final Project Artist Review Panel	July 15
VAC Approval	July 17
Arts Commission Approval	August 5
Artist Under Contract	August 2024

FURTHER INFORMATION

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