

City of Bartow
Community Redevelopment Agency, CRA
PRESENTS



A CALL TO ARTISTS

The City of Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) invites qualified artists to submit proposals for the design and installation of murals on two public restroom exterior walls, as part of the CRA's ongoing efforts to promote public art and strengthen our community identity. Artists may submit proposals for one or both projects, which will transform two ordinary spaces into vibrant landmarks for the City of Bartow and CRA District. The CRA reserves the right to approve all artwork displayed in the public realm for community standards.

Scope of Work

- Design and installation of original mural artwork on designated restroom exterior wall(s)
- Themes should reflect a diverse community*, honoring the history and vibrancy of the City
- Durable materials suitable for exterior conditions must be used
- Artists are responsible for all materials, equipment, and installation
- See Attached Exhibits A and B
 - Exhibit A and A1- 715 W. Polk Street Bartow, FL 33830 ***must** reflect diversity
 - Exhibit B and B1- 277 Summerlin Street Bartow, FL 33830

Eligibility

- Open to all professional artists (individuals or teams) with a minimum of 5 years of experience
- Artists from Florida's Central Counties for Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Osceola, and Orange
- All mediums suitable for murals for public display will be considered

Budget

- Artists may propose a budget for one or both murals. Final award amounts will be determined based on proposals, scope, and available funding

Timeline

- Submission Deadline: 10/31/2025
- Artist Selection Announced: 12/3/2025
- Contract Finalization: 1/30/26
- Project Completion: 3/18/2026

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain visibility, contribute to community beautification, and engage with fellow creatives for three unique murals in the public realm.

How to Apply

- Submit Information to bartowcra@cityofbartow.net
- Artist bio (Resume) and Statement of Interest
- Digital Portfolio or Link of previous work (up to 5 images of previous public art preferred)
- Project description of Proposed Concept
- Contact Information (Email & Phone number)

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680 E MAIN STREET, BARTOW, FL 33830

Gateway Restroom- Exhibit 1A

715 W. Polk Street Bartow, FL 33830

Front Facade Dimension of Building

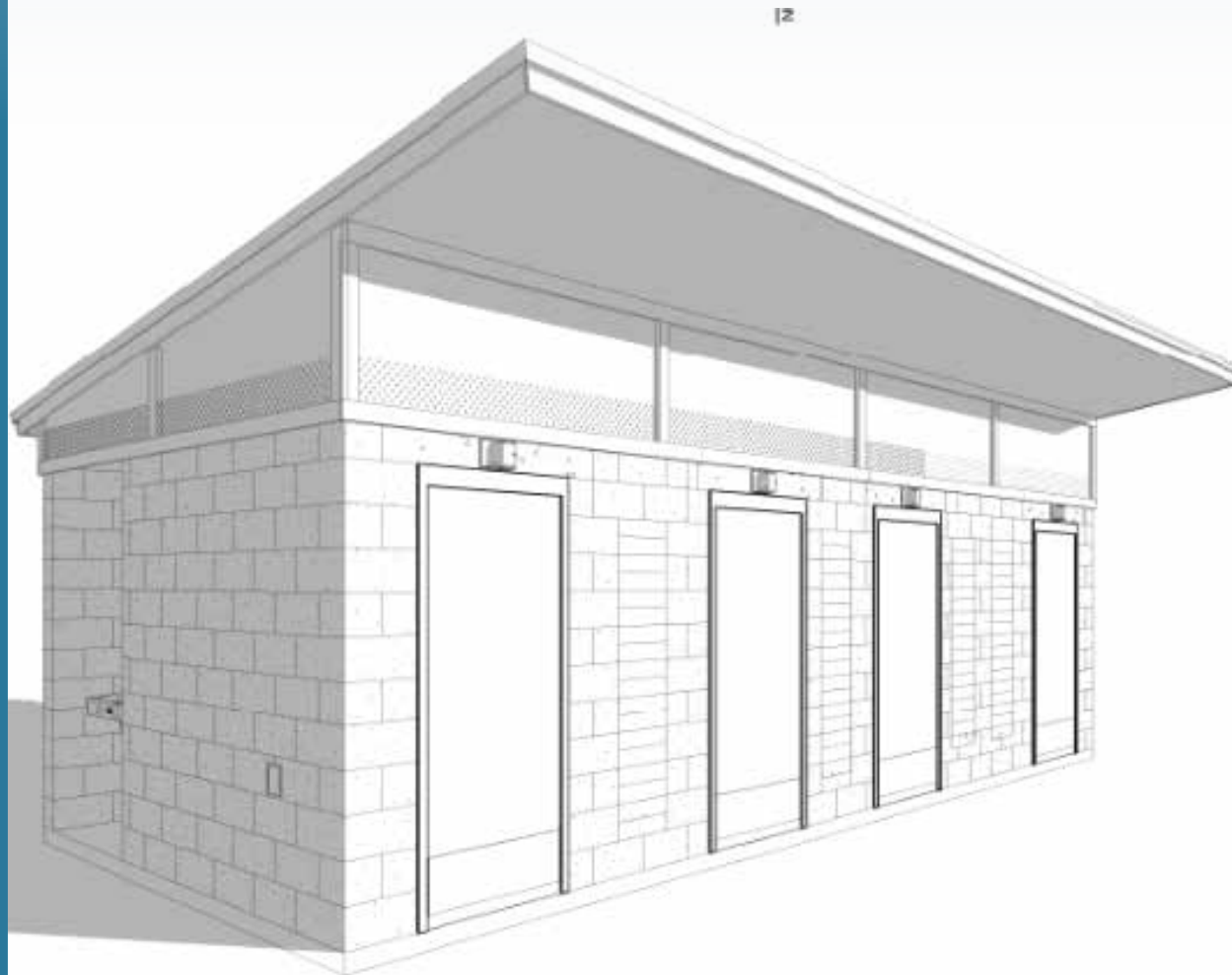
- 8'x 26' long sides
- 8' x 23' along front

The artwork must incorporate the restroom's front exterior doors and water fountain as integral parts of the mural design, ensuring the entire Façade presents a cohesive artistic composition.



Downtown Restroom- Exhibit 1B

Intersection of Summerlin and Wilson Ave
277 Summerlin Street Bartow, FL 33830



Side Façade Wall Dimension

- N/E-12" x 8"
- S/W-12' x 8"

The artwork must incorporate the restroom's side exterior water fountain, electrical outlet, or doors as integral parts of the mural design, ensuring the entire Façade presents a cohesive artistic composition.