

Stamford Downtown & Ferguson Library - Request for Artist Proposal:

Public Art Light Projection

at The Ferguson Library (1 Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06901)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4pm, Friday, October 17, 2025

Mission

Stamford Downtown's *Public Art Light Projection* represents a partnership between Stamford Downtown, the Business Improvement District within the City's urban core, and The Ferguson Library. Stamford Downtown and The Ferguson Library seeks a qualified artist/team to design, supply, install, and support a temporary light-projection installation located on the east elevation exterior wall of Ferguson Library, 1 Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT. The installation should be visually striking, durable, code-compliant, and appropriate for public space, contributing to cultural engagement and place-making.

Project Goals & Objectives

- Be a qualified artist or artist team that can demonstrate artistic excellence while completing this project on time and within budget.
- Create a high-quality art installation that enhances the library façade and engages community members and visitors.
- Ensure safe, accessible, and maintainable installation that functions reliably during scheduled display times.

Background / Site Context

Ferguson Library is a civic landmark serving a diverse Stamford community. The selected solution must respect the library's historical context, be sensitive to light pollution and neighbors, and comply with local ordinances. The exact wall dimensions and site photos/plans are provided in Exhibit A. The whole marble facade and window rectangle on the east elevation is 39' x 64'; the rectangle below the windows is 24' x 64'.

We hope the local and regional arts community will join in participating in this exciting project and help shape the future of Downtown.

Artist Eligibility

Any artist or team of artists interested in the project, to be completed **4pm, Friday, October 17, 2025**, may complete a proposal in accordance with the guidelines provided below.

Goals

- Create a piece of public art for an outdoor environment that reflects the community and spirit of Stamford Downtown.
- Be a qualified artist or artist team that can demonstrate artistic excellence while completing this project on time and within budget.

Application Requirements

No later than **4pm, Friday, October 17, 2025**, each artist or team of artists shall submit the following in digital format via DropBox (or other file sharing service) to marisa@stamford-downtown.com.

- A narrative and design(s) illustrating the concept including approximate dimensions
- Description of technical specification and equipment
- Timeline for completion
- Project budget (cannot exceed \$35,000) including the artist(s) fee, supplies, travel-related expenses, insurance, and other associated costs
- Portfolio of at least two previously completed comparable works with description of size, materials, cost, and location
- References from sponsors or two prior comparable projects

Policies

The art must respect a broad-based audience of all ages. Stamford Downtown will not select designs that are of a religious, political, racially denigrating, or sexually explicit nature.

Stamford Downtown will also not accept commercially recognizable names, symbols or logos, or any trademarked content.

The equipment must withstand the forces of nature. Proposals must clearly describe the technical needs – including location needs – of associated projection equipment. Stamford Downtown will assist in securing any necessary site access.

The contract between the artist and Stamford Downtown will be a work for hire. Artists will retain the ownership of design ideas submitted with this application until a selection has been made and contract signed between the artist and Stamford Downtown

At the time a contract is awarded, the ownership of the design and the artwork produced, in this case the public art mural project, will become the property of Stamford Downtown and The Ferguson.

The artist will remain under contract for three months to assist with the maintenance of equipment at a rate mutually agreed upon.

Stamford Downtown will abide by the Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA) a federal law protecting the rights of visual artists and agree to give the artist 30 days' notice to document their work before the mural is decommissioned or removed.

The final selections will be made by Stamford Downtown in coordination with The Ferguson Library.

Financial compensation and insurance for completion of the project will be made in accordance with the agreed upon contract between the artist(s) and Stamford Downtown.

Artists must provide insurance for the project. If the artist is unable to do so, notice must be given with your application and Stamford Downtown will provide insurance on your behalf as part of your compensation.

Questions?

Please send any questions to Marisa Rogo at marisa@stamford-downtown.com.

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Public Art Light Projection Application
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Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Website/Instagram Handle: _____

A complete application must include the following:

- Artist application form
- Project description including narrative, size, and materials
- Images of previous work and references
- A color representation of the proposed project
- Itemized budget, including time and materials
- Timeline for completion
- Maintenance Plan
- Proof of Insurance

_____ I am able to provide insurance.

_____ I am not able to provide insurance. *

_____(Stamford Downtown will provide insurance on your behalf as part of your compensation)

As an applicant for the opportunity to complete this public art project for Stamford Downtown and Ferguson Library, I certify that all works submitted represented as my work are the product of my creation and no other. I further certify that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that Stamford Downtown and The Ferguson may make duplicates of my images and application materials for the purpose of the consideration of my application, the upcoming exhibition, and for promotional materials concerning the project.

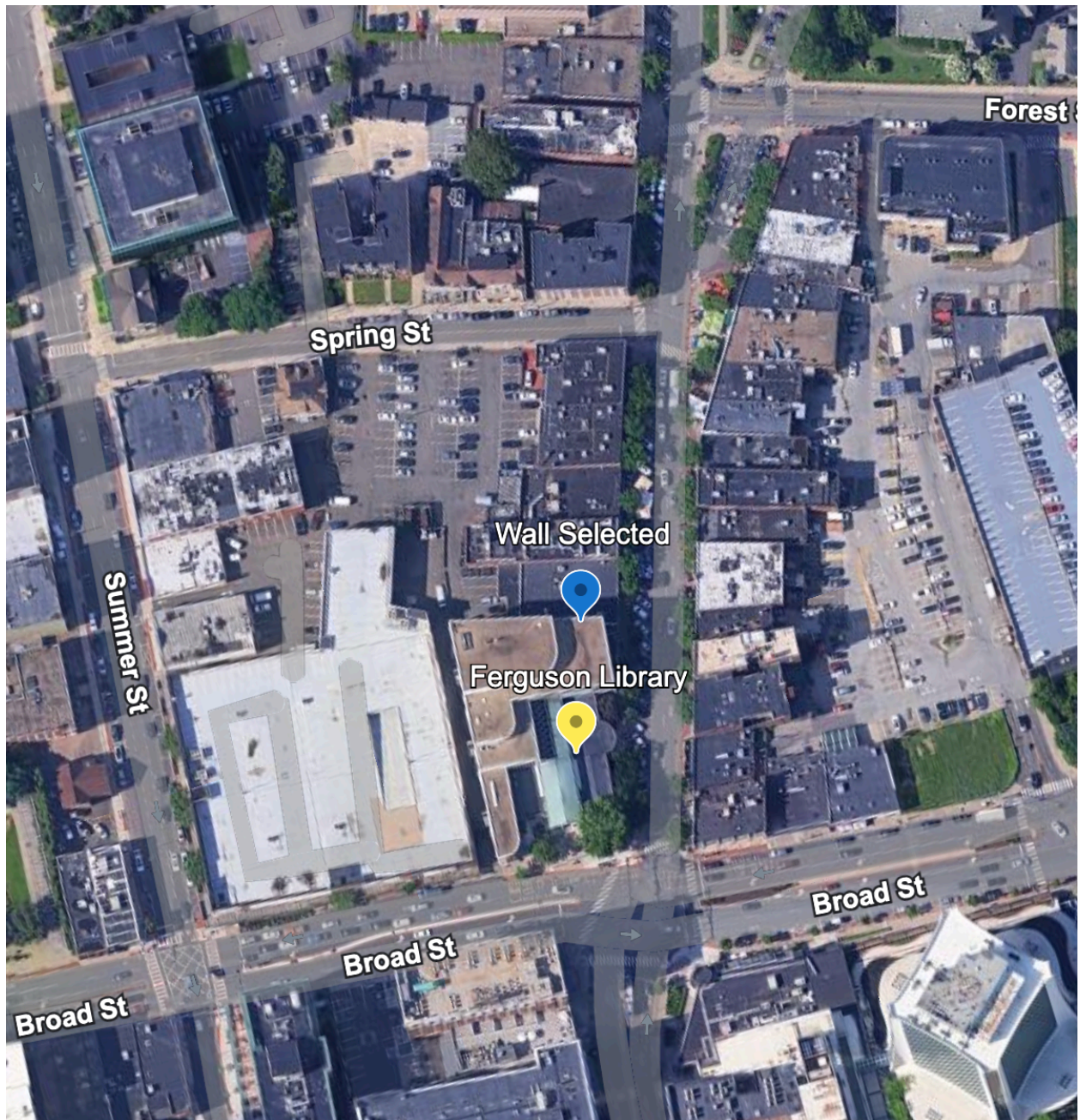
Applicant signature:

Date: _____

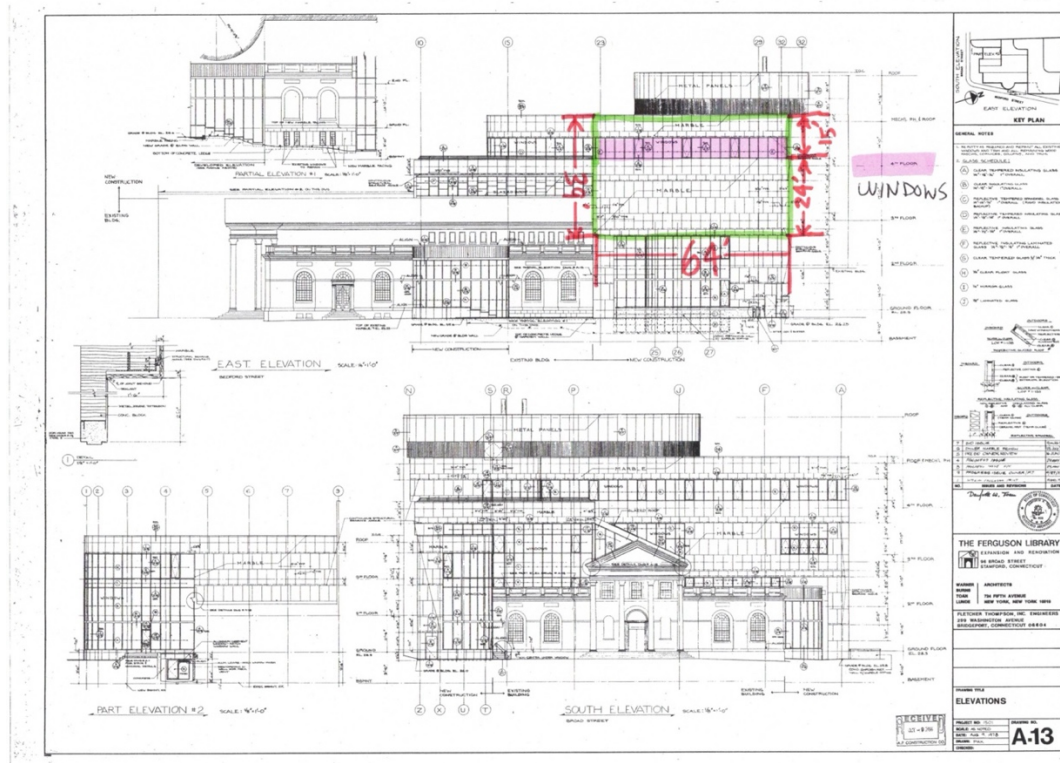
Please send complete application to Marisa Rogo (marisa@stamford-downtown.com) no later than **4pm, Friday, October 17, 2025.**

Exhibit A

Overview



The Ferguson East Elevation



Images of Wall



