

WHAT IS ART-IN-ARCHITECTURE?

The AIA program, administered by the Capital Development Board (CDB), enriches communities and provides “for the promotion and preservation of the arts by securing suitable works of art for the adornment of public buildings constructed or subjected to major renovation by the State or which utilize State funds, and thereby reflecting the diverse cultural heritage of Illinois, with emphasis on the works of Illinois artists.” 20 ILCS 3105/14

WHAT IS PUBLIC ART?

The AIA legislation defines art as:

- Paintings
- Prints
- Sculptures
- Graphics
- Mural decorations
- Stained glass
- Statues
- Bas reliefs
- Ornaments
- Fountains
- Ornamental gateways
- or other creative works that reflect form, beauty, and aesthetic perceptions.

Illinois Capital Development Board

Art-in-Architecture (AIA) Program

Fact Sheet for Artists

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A COMMISSION?

All professional artists living and working in Illinois are eligible to apply for commission opportunities. The staff, faculty, or employees of the agency receiving the artwork are not eligible to apply. They may apply for projects at any other location.

DO I QUALIFY AS AN ARTIST?

Artists are skilled practitioners who generate designs and concepts for creative works that reflect form, beauty, and aesthetic perception. All artists must be Illinois residents.

CAN I USE SUBCONTRACTORS THAT ARE NOT FROM ILLINOIS?

Yes. Subcontractors are defined as those providing technical implementation such as construction, fabrication, and/or assembly for portions or all of a finished product under direct supervision and control of an artist. Subcontractors do not have to reside in Illinois.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COMMISSIONS?

AIA commissions are announced on the “Commission Opportunities” section of the CDB website.

CAN I SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL NOTIFICATION?

To receive notice of new commission opportunities go to www.illinois.gov/cdb/business/Pages/Notifications.aspx, fill out the “register for agency notifications” form, select the “Art-in-Architecture” option, and click Subscribe. A message will be delivered directly to your inbox every time a new Art-in-Architecture project is posted.

HOW IS WORK SELECTED?

Artists are selected and commissions are awarded based upon the recommendations of a Fine Art Review Committee that is made up of representatives of the Illinois Arts Council and Illinois State Museum, the project architect, and a representative of the agency where the artwork will be located.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The AIA Policy and Procedure Manual, contracts, contact information and other details can be found on the CDB website at www.illinois.gov/cdb/services/art.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE PROGRAM?

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