**Request for Proposal (RFP)  
Lead Artists for the Cook County Health Community Murals Project**

**Sponsored by Cook County Health Foundation**

**Summary:**Cook County Health Foundation (CCHF) is seeking a Request for Proposal (RFP) for lead artists to work on the Cook County Health Foundation Community Murals Project (CMP). Cook County has a rich tradition of murals dated as far back as 1971. The mission of this CMP is to connect artists, staff, and patients to transform and promote greater relationships and wellbeing for our communities.

Visual artists will engage with patients, staff, and CCH communities to create an integrated internal mural at selected Cook County Health locations. The aim of the program is to use a collaborative mural-making process as a tool to build trust and engagement between the health care sites and their communities, build neighborhood pride, and reduce the negative stigma associated with the public health care system through community-building activities.

**Proposed themes can include:**  
Together as One  
Healing Community  
Compassionate Care for All  
We are Better and Stronger  
Disrupting the Status Quo  
ICARE Values (Innovation, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence & Education)

The CCHF Mural Committee anticipates selecting four (4) professional visual artists to work closely with CCH Chief Experience Officer (CXO) to engage staff and community members in a participatory design process and to create and install four (4) health themed murals. Murals will be installed internally at the Professional Building, Provident Hospital, the Cook County Health Blue Island Health Center, and the Cook County Health North Riverside Health Center – all of which will be located in highly visible public areas. This collaboration will last from September 15, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This RFP is soliciting four (4) professional visual artists that have a portfolio of work executing large-scale murals, have connections with the communities of Chicago, and experience facilitating workshops and events that engage diverse communities in the creative process.

Interested artists are asked to submit the following:

 Artist’s statement of no more than 350 words in length, describing your work and interest in this project.

 Resume.

 Work Samples of a selection of your previous work. Samples include documents, photos, plans and video (up to 15 minutes total). Support materials such as reviews, news articles, web links or other similar information may also be included.

**Project Budget:**  
The Project Budget is $6,000.00 per location for artist fees including design services, community engagement, site preparation, fabrication, travel, and installation. Through the generous support of CCHF, any necessary supplies will be provided. CCHF will execute a deliverables-based MOU valued at $6,000.00 with the lead artist. Lead artists will be paid 1/2 upfront, and 1/2 upon completion. CCHF will cover all costs related to art supplies and additional materials for workshops and community events, equipment for the installation and other relevant costs relating to the production of the murals.

**Who May Apply:**  
Professional visual artists or artist teams working in any media, legally authorized to work in Cook County and who are at least 18 years of age are eligible to apply. Artists with ties to neighborhoods and communities of the participating CCH facilities are encouraged to apply, as well as artists with experience in community engagement practices. CCHF and CCH are committed to the values of inclusion and advancing diversity in the field of arts and health. We highly encourage applicants that are traditionally underrepresented\* to submit to this RFP.

\*Including, but not limited to: Immigrant, Indigenous, LGBTQIA, Person of Color, Person with Disability, Socioeconomic Disadvantage.

*The project period will occur from September 1, 2022 through December 30, 2022.*

**Deadline for Submission of RFP. Please submit your proposal to**

**Cook County Health Foundation at** [info@cchealthfoundation.org](mailto:info@cchealthfoundation.org)

**Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 11:59pm CST**  
*\*\*Late applications may be disqualified from consideration.\*\**

*Finalist Interviews will be held between August 29 and September 2, 2022.*

Selected artists will be notified by Sept. 9, 2022

**Project Locations:**

1. Cook County Health Professional Building: 1950 W Polk St, Chicago, IL 60612
2. Provident Hospital: 500 E 51st St, Chicago, IL 60615
3. Cook County Health Blue Island Health Center: 12757 S Western Ave, Blue Island, IL 60406
4. Cook County Health North Riverside Health Center: 1800 Harlem Ave, North Riverside, IL 60546

(Size of each mural will not exceed 400 square feet)

**Project Calendar:**  
Mural Artists will be required to be on site for 5 public events, plus additional days to present to the various leadership stakeholders, prepare mural panels before the Paint Party, finish painting after the Paint Party, and installation. Time required for preparation, finishing, and installation will be dependent on mural size and detail.

Each mural project will be executed over a period of four (4) months, on a rolling basis from September 15, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

All mural artists will be required to attend an in-person training and onboarding in September 2022, exact date TBD.

Artists are expected to develop mural concepts, themes, imagery through engaging with the CCH staff, patients, and greater community during Engagement Day, Focus Groups, and CEO Presentation. Designs will not be considered final until approved by the CEO and Executive Leaders of each site. The team will be asked to limit rounds of revisions to a maximum of two (2).

**Below is the timeline of activities for each phase:**

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| **PROJECT PHASE** | **TIMELINE** | **ACTIVITIES** |
| **Plan** | **September 2022** | * **Orientation and onboarding** |
| **Listen** | **Month 1** | * **Community Engagement Day**   Artist and PX Team are onsite with interactive art activity to engage CCH community and vote on potential mural themes. PX Team provides supplies and activity.   * **2 Focus Groups**   First Focus Group: Artist presents previous work, CCH community discusses potential themes and content.  Second Focus Group: Artist takes feedback from first FG to create 2 – 3 renderings of potential mural designs. CCH community discusses preferences. |
| **Collaborate** | **Month 2-3** | * **Leadership Presentation**   Artist uses feedback from second FG to create a final mural design (for feedback and approval).   * **Paint Party**   CCH community invited to help paint the mural at a fun public event. |
| **Create** | **Month 4** | * **Mural Painting and installation**   Artists will have no less than 2 weeks to finish painting the murals. CXO Team will provide installation, Mural Artist will be present to touch up seams.   * **Unveiling/Dedication Ceremony TBD** |

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**Cook County Health Foundation:** Founded in 2011, the Foundation is committed to making quality and responsive health care accessible to all. Every patient, wherever they are from, whatever their need and regardless of their ability to pay, deserves to be treated with respect and dignity and to receive the best care, when they need it.

**Cook County Health** is investing in our network and modernizing services for patients. We are leading the field in cutting-edge technology, increased capacity, and innovative research. As we have evolved over the past 180 years, so has our mission. Our priority has always been the health and well-being of those we serve. We aim to elevate the health of Cook County, secure the future of the health system, and build a place where everyone will want to receive care regardless of their ability to pay.