

CALL FOR PUBLIC ART PROPOSALS

DUE: 9am, Monday 6 October 2025

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Wellington City Council is calling for curators and artists to propose public art projects.

Wellington City Council funds the research, development, commissioning and implementation of public art activity in Wellington. In this funding round we will give priority to applications that meet one or more of our eight public art outcomes.

Public Art Outcomes

The Council's Public Art Policy outlines eight desired outcomes for public art activity, which form the basis for the approval and prioritisation of public art activities in Wellington City. Your proposal should meet *one or more* of the desired outcomes below:

1. Wellington's public art activities will be fresh and innovative.
2. Public art activities in Wellington's suburban centres enhance sense of place.
3. Māori whakapapa and history are expressed in Wellington's public art activity.
4. The city's diverse communities are represented through public art activities.
5. Wellingtonians are more engaged in the development of public art activity.
6. The city's public infrastructure integrates art concepts and/or design features and/or physical artworks.
7. Initiate and implement programmes to communicate and educate people about Wellington's public art activity.
8. Public art activities directly contribute to social and economic change and urban/suburban revitalisation in Wellington.

Submission

An application form, guidelines and assessment criteria can be found [here](#). You can also find information about previous grant allocations on the page.

Please discuss your proposed project and level of funding with the Senior Arts Advisor before submitting your application. They will be able to provide useful information about council-owned sites, mana whenua engagement, budget advice, and general recommendations on your concept and proposal.

Deadline

The deadline for proposals is **9am, Monday 6 October 2025**. This funding round is for public art projects taking place from late November 2025.

Selection

Wellington City Council's City Arts and Events team assesses proposals in collaboration with the Council's Public Art Panel to ensure they meet the criteria and reflect the outcomes for public art activity. The Public Art Panel is made up of arts professionals and Council officers.

Contact

If you plan to submit a proposal or have any queries please contact Pippa Sanderson, Senior Arts Advisor, City Arts, email pippa.sanderson@wcc.govt.nz or phone 021 454 039.