



## Vermont Street Garage – Mural Commission

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

**Mural Project Budget: \$5,500**

The City of Lawrence, Kansas is seeking qualifications from local artists or artist teams interested in creating a mural inside the **Vermont Street Parking Garage**.

#### Project Location

- **Site:** West-facing wall on the ground level, opposite the stairs on the Vermont Street side – see photo, page 2.
- **Dimensions:** Approximately 18 feet wide x 10 feet high
- **Surface Preparation:** The wall will be prepped by Lawrence Parking Services

#### Theme & Inspiration

The mural should reflect **Lawrence's Unmistakable Identity** and may also incorporate unique, creative, and clever references to the **Lawrence Public Library** (located just north of the garage).

#### Eligibility

- Open to **Lawrence-based artists** (individuals or teams)
- Applicants must be **18 years or older**

#### Submission Requirements

This is a **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**. Formal proposals are not required at this stage. Applicants should submit the following:

- Artist bio (and team members if applicable)
- CV or résumé (lead artist and team members)
- Work samples (upload images or provide link to web page)
- Brief written and/or sketch concept ideas to show how the artist/team would approach this project and location.

#### Submission Deadline

The online application form is here: <https://lawrenceks.gov/lprd/public-art/>

The online application must be completed by 11:00 p.m. **November 16, 2025**.

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### **Selection Process & Budget**

- Up to **three finalists** will be selected from the applicant pool.
- Each finalist will receive a **\$300 stipend** to develop a conceptual proposal.
- One artist/team will be awarded the project with an all-inclusive **commission fee of \$5,500**. The selected artist/team will be required to enter into an agreement with the City and set up a Vendor Self Service account for payment: <https://lawrenceks.gov/finance/procedures/>
- The selected artist/team will be required to collaborate with City staff on design development.

### **Timeline**

- **November 16, 2025, 11 p.m.:** Deadline for RFQ submissions
- **Late November/early December 2025:** Finalist selection and notification
- **December 2025:** Concept proposal development (for finalists)
- **December 2025:** Final artist selection and contracting
- **Spring/Summer 2026:** Project implementation (installation timeline to be coordinated with City staff)

### **Vermont Street Garage - 725 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044**

Street level, west-facing wall opposite the stairs near Vermont Street.

