

ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

AFRICAN AMERICAN WELLNESS HUB Call for Artists

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 30, 2026

The Alameda County Arts Commission invites visual artists to apply to be considered for public art opportunities at the future African American Wellness Hub in Oakland (AAWH). The art opportunities may include site-specific integrated artworks and the purchase, commission or license of small, medium and large two-dimensional or low-relief wall-mounted artworks. This Call for Artists is a request for qualifications and is open to practicing, professional visual artists from the 9 Bay Area counties. Artists are invited to submit examples of their past artwork. This project includes opportunities for emerging, mid-career, and established artists who create artworks that reflect and honor African American culture, identity, and the diaspora. Artists with a range of experience are invited to apply, including artists with little or no public art experience, as well as artists who have completed major public art commissions.

The AAWH is a project of the County of Alameda and the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department. This new facility will contribute uniquely to African American health and wellness, and it will be centered on education, training, and treatment. The AAWH will be located at 1918 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Oakland will be open to the public in early 2028.

RESOURCES FOR ARTISTS! Learn More about this Opportunity and How to Apply

Informational Video: Watch a video about how to submit an online application.

Online Info Session: Wednesday, April 1 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom.

In-Person Info Session: Thursday, April 9 from 6:00-8:00pm (Drop-In Hours) at the Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland. Come at any time and plan to stay for 10-20 mins. RSVPs are optional.

Contact the Arts Commission Office: Artists who are new to public art and have never applied to a Call for Artists are encouraged to contact the Arts Commission office. All questions are welcome.

To see the Call for Artists, a link to the online application and video, and to learn about info sessions, visit the Alameda County Arts Commission's website

arts.alamedacountyca.gov/public-art-updates

**To contact the Arts Commission Office,
call (510) 208-9646 or email artscommission@acgov.org**

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