

CALL SUMMARY

The Frederick Arts Council invites artists to submit proposals for a site-specific mural on the historic Dairy Maid Building in downtown Frederick, Maryland.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit the following via Slideroom:

1. Artist statement (brief)
2. Concept proposal describing the mural idea
3. Preliminary sketch or digital rendering (to scale if possible)
4. Resume or CV highlighting relevant experience
5. 3-5 examples of past work (murals or comparable projects)
6. Estimated project timeline
7. Budget up to \$10,000



SITE DETAILS

Location: Dairy Maid Building,
Frederick, MD, 259 East Seventh St,
rear of building

Surface: Corrugated steel

Dimensions: 17 feet wide x 20 feet tall

Visibility: Visible to pedestrians and
traffic

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This commission seeks a bold, thoughtful mural that responds to Frederick's character—its layered history, creative energy, agricultural roots, and forward-looking spirit. Artists are encouraged to consider how imagery, pattern, and color interact with the corrugated steel surface, using its texture as an asset rather than an obstacle.

Please address any questions to info@frederickartscouncil.org

Application deadline: June 5th, 11:59p

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We welcome proposals that are:

- *Place-responsive and community-minded
- *Visually strong from a distance, with depth up close
- *Durable and appropriate for exterior installation
- *Innovative in approach, materials, or technique

Frederick County has long been shaped by farming, food production, and rural landscapes, while the City of Frederick has emerged as a center for arts, small businesses, and cultural innovation. The Dairy Maid Building—once tied to everyday systems of nourishment and work—offers a powerful site for reflecting on how the past continues to inform the present and propels us into the future.

Artists are encouraged to develop their own themes and vision.

Proposals may be literal or abstract, historical or contemporary, symbolic or narrative.

Artists should consider how imagery, pattern, and color interact with the corrugated steel surface, using its texture to enhance depth, rhythm, and movement.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to local and area artists (within an 80 mile radius)

Individual artists and artist teams may apply

Prior mural or large-scale public art experience preferred

BUDGET

A project budget of \$10,000 will be provided and is intended to cover:

- *Artist fee
- *Design and fabrication
- *Materials and surface preparation
- *Installation
- *Insurance and related project costs

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- *Artistic excellence and originality
- *Appropriateness for the site and material
- *Feasibility and durability
- *Demonstrated ability to complete the project on time

TIMELINE

- Call Opens May 7
- Artist Selected June 9
- Submission due June 5th
- Installation Period August 2026

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