



# **REQUEST FOR QUOTES**

*Bing Cherry Sculpture*

## **PROPOSAL DEADLINE**

Feb. 18, 2022

## **PROJECT COMPLETION DEADLINE**

Dec. 1, 2022



**CITY OF MILWAUKIE**

## **PROJECT DETAILS**

The Milwaukie Arts Committee, in partnership with the City of Milwaukie, is looking to commission the creation of an illuminated Bing cherry sculpture to be used as part of a New Year's Eve "ball" drop on Dec. 31, 2022 in downtown Milwaukie. The Arts Committee is requesting quotes from artists and fabricators who can create a cherry that will be raised and lowered for this event, and used for years to come.

## **BACKGROUND**

Milwaukie, Oregon is where the Bing cherry was first developed. Horticulturalist and farm foreman Ah Bing is credited with cultivating the cherry while working on Seth Lewelling's fruit orchard in Milwaukie around 1875. In honor of Bing's contributions to Milwaukie and Oregon agriculture, we plan to host a downtown event on New Year's Eve, which we'll call "Bing in the New Year." The event will feature entertainment, live music and vendor booths, along with historical information about Bing and his life. The centerpiece of this event will be the lowering of the cherry during a count-down for the new year.

Organizations and groups involved in the planning of this event are anticipated to include the Milwaukie Arts Committee, Downtown Milwaukie Business Association, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association and Milwaukie Historical Society. The Arts Committee may seek other partners, including corporate sponsors, to help fund this event.

The Milwaukie Arts Committee and City of Milwaukie are committed to integrating equity into their processes and delivery of services in pursuit of fair and just outcomes for all. The Milwaukie Arts Committee is committed to a non-discriminatory approach and providing equal opportunity for employment and advancement in all its activities. The committee respects and values diverse life experiences and heritages and works to ensure all voices are valued and heard.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The artist will create a three-dimensional cherry sculpture, between 5 feet and 8 feet tall. The type of materials used can be determined by the artist, but the sculpture must be waterproof and durable enough to be reused for multiple events.

The design of cherry can be realistic or abstract, solid or skeletal. We are open to all artistic interpretations of style. As the cherry will be moved, proposal scoring preference will be given to lighter weight sculptures.

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The artist is not responsible for providing the lowering mechanism, however, the cherry must have attachments (such as eye bolts) that will allow it to be raised and lowered by a crane or lift.

Because this event will take place at night, the cherry must have the ability to be lighted. This can be accomplished by LED strip lights, string lights, a bulb(s) from within the sculpture, or other means.

The cherry will be stored inside by the city when not in use or, if materials allow, will be put on outdoor display. If the sculpture is meant to be stored inside, scoring preference will be given to proposals that allow the cherry to be disassembled or broken down for easier storage and transport.

### **BUDGET**

Proposals should not exceed \$5,000. The Milwaukie Arts Committee is currently fundraising for the construction of the cherry. The committee is intentionally seeking proposals at this time in order to seek the proper amount of funding needed. Based on the committee's past efforts, it is confident it will be able to procure the funds needed to construct the selected proposal.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT**

Proposals may be emailed to Samantha Swindler at [samanthaswindler@gmail.com](mailto:samanthaswindler@gmail.com) or Jordan Imlah at [imlahj@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:imlahj@milwaukieoregon.gov). Proposals may also be mailed to:

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### **QUESTIONS**

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