

# Open Call: Blight Abatement Artist Residency Program (BAARP) 2024

## Connecting your Art with Your City!

### Deadline to apply: Thursday, June 27, 2024

**Calling all Detroit artists!** The City of Detroit City Walls Program in cooperation with SpaceLab Detroit announces the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Blight Abatement Artist Residency Program (BAARP)**. 3 artists will be selected to participate in this position.

This is your chance to **make a lasting impact** on your community, **connect neighborhoods** through the power of your art, and **grow your craft**.

#### Project Parameters:

- **Transforming Blighted Walls** into vibrant murals that reflect the heart and soul of the communities you'll create them with.
- **Working Alongside Residents, City Government, and Local Business Owners** to collaboratively create artwork that highlights our shared narrative.

#### Here's How it Works:

##### Project Vision:

- **Connected Communities:** We envision a city where residents have safe access to key destinations and businesses all while feeling a sense of belonging in their neighborhoods.
- **Inclusive Expression:** Murals will allow communities to showcase the distinctive elements of their space that make them extraordinary.
- **Collaborative Spirit:** Selected artists will work with communities, incorporating their ideas into the final artwork.

##### BAARP Artist Responsibilities:

- **Develop and Refine Mural Concepts** based on community input.
- **Create a Final Approved Design** that you and the community are proud of.
- **Participate** in project's unveiling.

##### City Walls Detroit Support:

- We'll guide you through the **Review and Permissions** process.
- We'll coordinate **Marketing, Documentation, and Public Engagement**.
- We'll **Connect You with the In-House Resources** of the Blight Remediation Division and other city departments to maximize your impact.

### **Who We're Looking For:**

- Passionate artists (individuals or teams) committed to working in Detroit and creating up to 5 murals.
- Experience creating large-scale public art is a plus, but **creative ideas, raw talent, and some experience** are just as compelling for this project.

### **Project Award:**

- \$15,000 Stipend for Participation
- Up to \$10,000 in Supplies Budget

### **Application Selection Process:**

#### **Eligibility**

We are seeking artists or artist teams who can make a commitment to working in Detroit as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of this project. Any artist or artist team is encouraged to apply.

#### **Process**

This is an open call! Submit your portfolio, qualifications, and artist statement to City Walls Detroit. We'll review applications with a panel of Detroit Residents, community members, stakeholders, & arts professionals to select the 3-winning artists or artist team to participate in the residency.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

Wining artist(s)/artist team will be selected based on the section panel's evaluation of the following criteria:

- 15pts Experience in creating permanent, durable, outdoor public artwork
- 15pts Ability to accomplish projects of a similar complexity within the budget, timeline, and technical constraints presented, based on examples of prior works
- 15pts Experience in community engaged art process and research
- 25pts Artist Statement

- 15pts Detroit Based Artist
- 15pts Portfolio

The Selection panel consists of 1 member from each category below:

- City Walls - Bethany Howard
- Arts Professional/Community Member

### **Application**

Along with completing the online form, interested artist/artist team should submit:

- A project brief page including the name(s) and contact information
- A CV or resume for each artist (1 page per artist)
- Up to 5 images of past work you consider relevant to this project

If you have any questions, contact [citywalls@detroitmi.gov](mailto:citywalls@detroitmi.gov) before June 17<sup>th</sup>.

A Q and A session will be hosted on June 10<sup>th</sup> where City Walls Staff via Microsoft Teams will be available to answer any questions folks may have related to this project.

Let's connect your creativity with your community!

**Don't miss this chance to be part of Detroit's artistic legacy!**