



Call for Mural Artists – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

BACKGROUND

Quint Development Corporation is a not-for-profit community economic development organization whose mission is to enhance the economic and social well-being of Saskatoon's west side core neighbourhoods. Since 1995 we have developed innovative initiatives in areas such as affordable and transitional housing, employment and training services, and social enterprise.

We work to provide people-centered support that fosters the growth of healthy individuals, families, and neighbourhoods. Our efforts are focused on the core communities, which are home to a diverse population.

We are commissioning a mural for the large interior wall in the public entrance to our offices. As a local nonprofit rooted in community, we want this artwork to reflect the values, strengths, and lived experiences of the people who walk through our doors. The mural will be developed in collaboration with the selected artist.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Quint is commissioning a mural for the large interior wall in our public drop-in Resource Room. This space is used daily by community members seeking support and services, and the mural will help create an environment that feels welcoming, grounding, and reflective of the people who use it.

We will gather input from individuals who access our services and will provide the selected artist with this information to help guide the concept development. The artist will work closely with Quint throughout the design process, using this input, along with guidance from our staff, to create a design that aligns with the values and experiences of our community. Once a final design has been approved by Quint, the artist will complete the full mural production, including any necessary preparation, painting, sealing, and sourcing of all materials, supplies, and equipment required to complete the work. Artists should account for these costs within their proposed budget.

When developing your proposal, please consider the following:

- We want this mural to make people feel warm, proud of their community, and welcomed.
- Our drop-in center is a welcoming space where anyone can receive support without judgement.
- We are committed to reconciliation and to honouring the perspectives and experiences of the Indigenous community members who make up a large part of the people we serve.
- We celebrate the diversity of our staff and our community (different abilities, races, gender identities, and sexualities).



The mural should reflect these values and help enhance the atmosphere of the Resource Room for everyone who walks through our doors. Wall dimensions and reference photos will be included below for artist consideration.



DELIVERABLES

The selected artist will be required to provide the following:

- An initial concept sketch informed by the community input provided by Quint.
- A refined design draft based on feedback from Quint representatives.
- A finalized mural design for approval prior to production, including colours, scale, and placement.
- Completion of the full mural on the designated wall in the Resource Room, including all preparation, painting, sealing, and finishing work.
- Basic care or maintenance notes for Quint to reference after installation.



ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

You do not need to be a professional artist; amateurs are encouraged to apply but you should have experience with murals or large visual art projects. During the selection process, priority will be given to artists who live in Saskatoon with an even greater preference to artists living in the core neighbourhoods.

TIMELINE

Artist will be selected in March 2026. Production of the mural will take place in the summer of 2026.

BUDGET

Quint has allocated \$6000 for this project. Submissions that deliver strong value within this budget are preferred. Quint recognizes that approaches may vary; therefore, applicants may propose an alternative budget with clear justification. However, Quint may give preference to proposals that strongly align with the targeted allocation.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please include the following:

- Name and contact information
- A short artist bio (100-150 words)
- A brief statement about why you're interested in this project (150-200 words)
- 3-5 examples of past work (mural or art related)
- An up-to-date CV or list of relevant experience
- Link to website or social media where we can view more of your work, if applicable.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selected artist will be contacted before the end of March. Successful applicants should demonstrate they:

- Have the ability to plan, manage and meet project timelines and budget while achieving success at executing art projects of a similar scale.
- Have the capacity to deliver a high-quality project of similar size and scope.
- Have a vision to incorporate the theme and local community into the mural design.

Final proposals should be submitted by 4:00 PM, March 9th, 2026, to communications@quintsaskatoon.ca with the subject line: "Quint Mural Open Call Submission - [artist name]"