



NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OPEN CALL FOR MURAL ARTISTS

The Bargain Market

5304 Independence Ave. KCMO

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Indian Mound Neighborhood Association and the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (NEKCCoC) is seeking artists for one wall or a combination of both walls. Project includes you or your teams' concept and painting materials, wall prep, equipment, labor to complete the mural and protective varnish coating. The area to be painted includes two walls on 5304 Independence Ave.

All measurements are Estimates.

A. South facing Indep. Ave. wall, approx. 96'x11' = 1056 Sq Ft \$6,300.

B. West facing Colorado Ave. wall, approx., 75'x15' = 1125 Sq Ft \$6,700.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

Artists or teams of artists interested in creating these murals should plan to be completed by Sept 26, 2025. Artists and /or team leaders must be over the age of 18, and reside in Kansas City, Mo or the surrounding area.

PROJECT GOALS

- Create art with the primary concept theme of a Chinese Dragon for the south facing wall and Two Pandas on the West facing wall.
- Imagery/graphics preferred. Murals are not advertising signs. Can include Chinese characters with approval.
- Great Murals reduce and/or eliminate graffiti. Imagery should fill wall space leaving no large space for taggers.

PROJECT BUDGET

The total amount of the commission for both walls combined is **\$13,000** and is inclusive of the project description. Funding is provided by the City of Kansas City Mo., Neighborhood Empowerment Grant and awarded to the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Fiscal agent the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The selection committee consists of one representative each from the Indian Mound Neighborhood, property ownership of the Bargain Market, (NEKCCoC) and the Independence Ave Community Improvement District.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Art Proposal:** A visual rendering illustrating the artwork design for one to two walls and concept is required for each submission. Include supplemental information such as inspiration and additional sketches.
- **Supporting Materials:** May include but not limited to a CV / resume, letter of interest, portfolios image & / or reviews of previously completed works. Examples should describe size, materials, cost, and location of other public works. References for earlier projects are encouraged.
- Submit your application & concept drawings to rebeccakoop@nekcchamber.com as a pdf, jpeg, or png.
- **Phone: c 816-808-2789 Rebecca Koop Events Director (NEKCCoC)**

TIMELINE

- **August 9, 2025: Saturday** Site visit at 5304 Indep. Ave. 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- **August 15, 2025: DEADLINE** Applications & concepts submission due by 5 pm.
- **August 26, 2025:** Artists invited to present their concept drawings at a Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The public is invited. There is a \$25 Luncheon Fee. (or you can attend w/o Eating – drinks are on the house)
- **September 4, 2025:** Jury the art at the NEKC Chamber office.
- **Sept 11, 2025:** All Artists are invited to a Chamber - Coffee, Culture Conversation (FREE). 10 am – 11 am. Concept images will be shared
- **Sept 12, 2025:** Artists will be notified of the juried selections and contracts signed.
- **Sept 26, 2025:** Mural completed.
- **Sept 27, 2025:** Saturday, Mural Reveal Celebration. Time to be announced.
- **Alternate rain date for Mural reveal October 4, 2025**

PROJECT POLICIES

Artist(s) will retain the ownership of design ideas submitted with this application until a selection has been made and contract signed between the artist and the (NEKCoC). At the time a contract is awarded, the ownership of the design will be the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the wall artwork produced will be the property of the Parcel Owner.



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ARTIST ENTRY FORM

#HNEmurals 2025

DEADLINE August 15, 2025, 5 pm

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

Website _____

Address _____

Briefly Describe the Concept Behind Your Work: *Or attach it as a separate document.*

Social Media Handles Facebook:

Instagram:

Twitter:

Submit your Artist Bio and/or CV / Resume to rebeccakoop@nekcchamber.com

Submit your concept drawings. One or One for each wall. The total amount of the commission is \$13,000 for both walls combined. Square footage to be determined.

Example Image label JPG: (Last Name, NE Wall .jpg)

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If you are accepted, by submitting your entry you give #HNEmurals 2025 and the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District and the City of Kansas City, Missouri the right to publish your images for publicity purposes on our web sites or as part of our social media presence and in print.

(All credits to artist will be included). We may ask select artists to provide higher resolution jpegs suitable for publishing.

As an applicant for the opportunity to complete this public art project for the Indian Mound Neighborhood Assoc., City of Kansas City, Mo., NEKC Chamber of Commerce, I certify that all work submitted represented as my work are the product of my creation and no other. I further certify that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.



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Deadline August 15, 2025, 5 pm
Disclaimer

**Please Sign and Submit this
Form with Your Art to:**
rebeccakoop@nekcchamber.com

**Office located at:
2657 Independence Avenue KC MO 64124**

I, the undersigned, hereby give permission for this art to be used for the purpose of public engagement and used as a mural selection tool

Name: _____

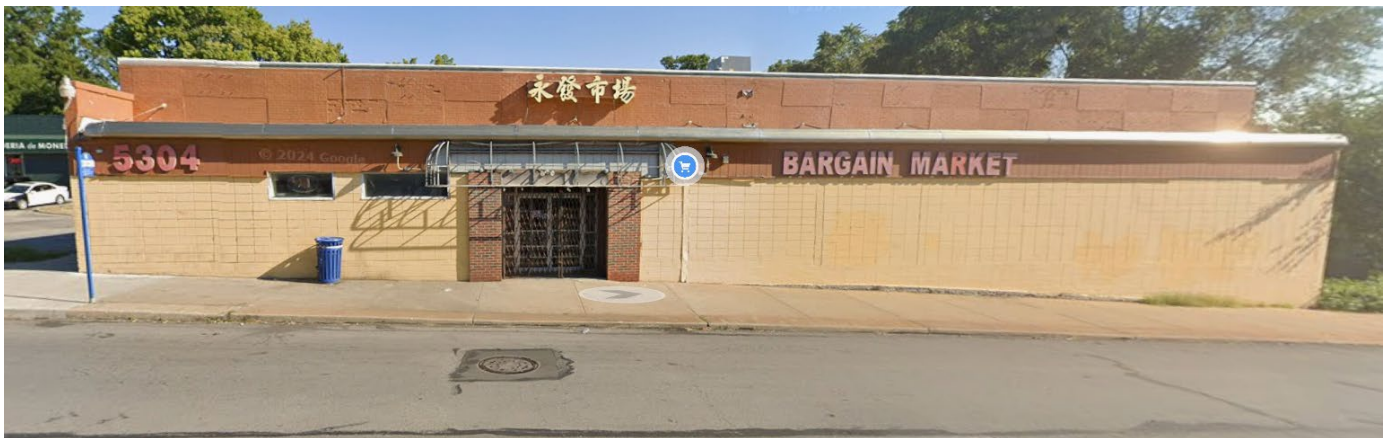
Date signed: _____

A complete application must include the following:

- ☐ Artist application form
- ☐ Letter of Interest/project description
- ☐ Images of proposed work
- ☐ Color representation of the proposed artwork.



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