Open Call for Proposals: February 8 - March 25, 2021
CANAL STREET PARK
941 MONROE NW

Canal Street Park is an ideal location for large scale artwork that can be installed on hard surfaces or within the park’s greenspace. The riverside location that includes a bike/walking path is well traveled by visitors of the North Monroe business and residential district.

- The site includes public restrooms and some limited electrical access.
- No portion of the River Walk is to be blocked by an installation.
- No installations will be allowed to setup in the Shelter/Pavilion/Restroom

SIXTH STREET BRIDGE PARK
647 MONROE NW

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This park gives access to the historic Sixth St. Bridge and Riverwalk. This park is located alongside the Grand River.

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The Fish Ladder Park is the location of the Joseph Kinnebrew sculpture that also functions as a ladder for fish migrating to their spawning areas. Visitors may view the river and the migrating fish from the creatively designed structure. The site is also popular for fishing enthusiasts.

The Fish Ladder Park is an ideal location for creative installations that can capitalize on the area's topography; an area sloping towards the Grand River. The Kinnebrew "ladder" may also provide opportunity for installation of temporary 2D work.

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555 Monroe

555 Monroe is a hub of exciting activity on in the Monroe North neighborhood that sits right on the river. The park is home to the skatepark and has housed many exciting art installations in the past couple years.

Curators may place artworks in the yellow area of the photo (see below), but will need to be mindful of other activities happening in the park.

If you are interested in more specifics about where to place artwork, please contact katie@artprize.org.
DEVOS PLACE RIVER WALK

A concrete walkway directly behind the Devos Place Convention Center that sits right on the Grand River. This is a high traffic pedestrian area that can be activated with mindfulness to foot traffic.

GRAND RIVER

The Grand River is the river running through the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, among the most visible public venue locations in all of ArtPrize. Since ArtPrize's inception, the Grand River venue has been host to some of the event's most challenging and memorable installations. Due to the complexity of this site, applicants interested in this location should set up a meeting to discuss proposal with katie@artprize.org prior to submitting materials. This site budget is considerably larger than other locations due to the need for a structural engineer.

- Water levels can vary by up to 1.5ft. during the event.
The current is strong enough at times to knock an adult over, the force of the current changes dramatically depending on the weather.

All installations must be approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). MDEQ requires signed engineering documents from a Michigan Certified Engineer.

Artwork shall be constructed of inert materials that will no cause siltation nor contain soluble chemicals, organic matter, pollutants or contaminants that will erode or dissolve into the Grand River.

Artwork shall be placed within the area indicated on approved plans but shall not be of a size that will encompass more than ½ of the width of the Grand River or impede navigation or recreation on the river. They shall be placed no closer than 50 feet from any weir structure or dam located in the river, or within 150 feet of any public access point or boat launch.

The artist or the permittee shall provide certification from a licensed engineer of each artwork proposed that warrants its structural integrity, and that the anchoring structure(s) are sufficient to hold the artwork in place in the Grand River should flows in the river stay below flood stage by no later than August 15 of each year.

Proposals should consider that Ah-Nab-Awen park will be closed during ArtPrize 2021.

GILLETT BRIDGE

Gillett Bridge is a pedestrian walkway that spans the Grand River in Downtown Grand Rapids. The bridge connects the two landmarks, the Gerald R. Ford Museum and DeVos Place. It is heavily travelled during ArtPrize and offers wonderful views of the river and city.

- Gillett Bridge is approximately 500ft long and 25ft. wide.
- There are six 20amp, 110volt outlets one the south side of the bridge, each one is located at the base of the lamp post.
- Installations must leave a 12ft minimum path to allow for emergency vehicle access
- Nothing can be suspended from the bridge or attached to the railing
- Installations cannot be staked or anchored into the bridge itself
The Blue Bridge is an iconic pedestrian bridge in the heart of downtown. It connects the city center on the East bank to the Grand Rapids Public Museum and Grand Valley State University facilities on the West.

- All installations must be small enough to maintain a minimum 10’ of width at all points along the length of the footpath on the Blue Bridge for pedestrian and emergency access.
- No installation will be allowed to attach/wrap/hang from any portion of the Blue Bridge structure. All installations must be on the bridge deck and self-standing and cannot be anchored to the bridge.
- All installations must be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and/or City’s Historic Preservation Specialist.
Calder Plaza has been known as the City Center for Grand Rapids. The plaza’s nickname is derived from the monumental public work by Alexander Calder, “La Grande Vitesse”, which was the first public art installation funded by the NEA. The plaza is an open, concrete area between the City and County buildings and acts as an event space for the City.

- A site map must be provided to display the layout of the installation
- Installations cannot be anchored into the surface of the plaza
- Installations are subject to weight restriction 100lb live load and a 20,000lb point load.
- Installations cannot directly or conceptually interact with La Grand Vitesse, and should maintain a distance of 30ft from the sculpture
- No security is provided, plaza is accessible 24 hours a day.
- Proposals should consider large events taking place during ArtPrize 2021 and consider how large crowds and additional activity might influence their selection process.

MONROE CENTER SOCIAL ZONE

Temporary social zone located between Monroe Ave & Ottawa Ave. A portion of the road is closed for outdoor dining, but may be activated with artwork.

- Proposals should allow for outdoor dining and pedestrian traffic.
- Artworks may not anchor into the street.
ROSA PARKS CIRCLE

135 MONROE CENTER

ROSA PARKS CIRCLE

Created by internationally known artist, Maya Lin. Water is featured in the frozen, liquid and vapor states. Concerts are held on summer evenings and free ice skate rentals are provided in the winter.

- Proposals should allow for outdoor dining and pedestrian traffic.
- Artworks may not anchor into the surface of the park, and additional considerations to make sure no damage is incurred by art installations.
• Proposals should consider large events taking place during ArtPrize 2021 and consider how large crowds and additional activity might influence their selection process.
• Electric is available on site.
• The stage is available for artworks or performance.

SHELDON BLVD SOCIAL ZONE
BETWEEN LIBRARY ST & FULTON ST

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Proposal should consider Apartment Lounge, Civic Theatre & Children’s Museum. Artwork can be placed around social zones, with the opportunity to close the street for periods of time. The existing artwork “Rainbow Road” by Joey Salamon may not be altered in any way.
Located in the heart of downtown, this recent addition to the city adds a bit of fun and greenspace to Market Ave. Applicants should consider what might make a fun addition to the park while still maintaining the functionality of the space.
HEARTSIDE PARK
301 IONIA AVE

HEARTSIDE PARK

This four acre park built in 2002, is located between Oakes and Ionia streets, south of Fulton, and a water playground, picnic shelter, basketball courts, and a restroom facility.
AC HOTEL PARKING LOT
50 MONROE AVE NW

AC HOTEL PARKING LOT

Curators may work within the parking while still allowing for parking within the lot. Clusters of parking spots could be made available, especially near the road. Space usage will be considered based on scope of proposal. The sculpture that is currently installed next to the parking lot will be removed prior to ArtPrize 2021.
Still under construction, but will be completed by the summer. This exciting new development offers opportunities for curators to install work on the plaza and potentially activate other areas as well.