

# ***Call for Artists for Community Art Project at Bester Community of Hope Block Party***

*August 18 – August 29, 2025*



## **Call for Artists for Community Art Project at South End Community Block Party**

Bester Community of Hope is seeking an artist to host a community mural/interactive art project at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual South End Community Block Party. The community project will take place at Hagerstown City Park on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 11:00AM-3:00PM. We are seeking a passionate and community-minded artist to design and facilitate a collaborative art experience that will engage residents of all ages. The selected artist will guide participants in creating a mobile mural that celebrates community pride, creativity, and connection.

The art will be used as a mobile piece throughout the years to be featured at local community events & celebrations. The piece should foster community engagement through the arts, celebrate the spirit and culture of the South End, and create a vibrant, inclusive artistic experience for children, youth, & families. The final artwork should be sturdy and capable of being transported within reasonable means, yet large enough to easily be seen, interacted with and enjoyed.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Open to individual artists or artist teams
- Must have experience with community-based or participatory art projects
- Must be available for planning check-ins prior to event
- Must be available onsite for the full duration of the event. Set up must be completed by 10:45am
- Must provide design, all materials, and final product
- Materials should be of high quality and designed for longevity

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The applicant's design should demonstrate:

- Artistic or design excellence and technical merit
- Experience working on a community-based project
- Responsiveness to community context
- Conceptually integrate Bester Community of Hope's Unconditional Care Principles of: *Whatever it Takes, Better Together, Relationships Matter, Having Fun is Priority and Everyone Has Strengths*

## **SELECTED ARTIST WILL RECEIVE \$5,000-\$12,000\*.**

This project is funded through Bester Community of Hope by The Governor's Office for Children under award number ENGH-2025-0020.

\*Amount dependent upon scope and materials

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Email the following items to Alicia Taluskie at [ataluskie@besterhope.org](mailto:ataluskie@besterhope.org):

1. A brief Artist Statement describing the artist's interest and design intent. Be sure to include contact information.
2. Design concept for Community Art Project (please do not exceed more than 3 concepts)
3. Samples of previous or similar projects completed

The application deadline is **Friday, August 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

## **Timeline for the COMMUNITY ART PROJECT:**

August 18, 2025 – Call for Artist / Press Release

August 29, 2025 – Deadline to Apply via Online Submission by 4:00pm

September 2, 2025 – Review Artist submissions

September 4, 2025– Notify selected Artist

September 20, 2025– Lead project at Hagerstown City Park 11am-4pm