Milwaukee Dept. of City Development: Application deadline approaching for city's public artist in residence pilot program

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MILWAUKEE – The application deadline is approaching for the City of Milwaukee's Public Artist in Residence (PAIR) pilot program.

Under the PAIR pilot program, a local artist and liaison will work with the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works (DPW) to develop innovative approaches that will help address reckless driving in the city.

The City of Milwaukee issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to contract with the artist in residence, who will ideally begin work in the fall. The City also issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire a liaison who will manage the relationship between the selected artist in residence and City departments. The deadline to apply for both is August 22, 2022, at 11am (CT).

The PAIR program will take place over a minimum of one year, beginning with a three-month research phase where the artist will shadow City staff and learn about operations and initiatives. After the research phase, the artist will spend three months prototyping and field testing their project, followed by a five-month implementation and evaluation period. This program will also facilitate cross-sector collaboration with Milwaukee's various BIDs, NIDs, and partner organizations to carry out new artist-driven efforts.

The Milwaukee Arts Board approved the PAIR Program to invest in the city's cultural

creators by leveraging the knowledge and practices of local artists to build a stronger city. The intended outcome is for the artist and City representatives to assess community needs, as well as develop and improve programs and initiatives through creative problem-solving.

To apply and learn more, visit www.milwaukee.gov/DCD/Projects/RFPs.