

2024/5 - Call for Indigenous Artists

PROJECT

Vancouver Coastal Health is seeking an Indigenous artist from the Host Nations (Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, or Tsleil-Waututh Nation) to design artwork for the Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) parkade in Vancouver.

The project teams aim to:

- (1) Honour the Host Nations on whose territories the facilities are located; and
- (2) Create a welcoming and inclusive space for Indigenous clients seeking service at the sites.

ARTIST ELGIBILITY CRITERIA

Host Nation	Identify as Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw or Tsleil-Waututh
Samples of Art	Provide four to six samples of artistic ability (can be wall murals or other types of drawings, paintings, weaving, carving, glass surface or artwork).

OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity is to incorporate Indigenous artwork into the Vancouver General Hospital parkade design to create a welcoming environment for patients, families, and staff as they arrive and exit the hospital, fostering a positive and culturally respectful experience. This initiative aligns with Recommendation 10 from the In Plain Sight Report, emphasizing the inclusion of Indigenous artwork, signage, and territorial acknowledgment.

The timeline, project milestones, and payment schedule will be determined according to the selected project and agreed upon in a contract to be finalized upon the selection of the Indigenous artist.

Note: The selected artist will be asked to develop a concept that reflects the overarching themes and will be invited to meet with the VCH team to learn more about the facility and its services.

CONTACTS

Sue Richardson, Indigenous Engagement	susan.richardson@vch.ca
Daniela Segatto, Community Engagement	daniela.segatto@vch.ca

2024/2025 Artwork Projects for Vancouver Area	
Description of location / services	Opportunities for Artwork
<p>VGH Parkade</p> <p>Integrate Indigenous artwork into the main entrance of the VGH parkade to create a welcoming and culturally respectful environment for everyone as they enter and exit the facility. By incorporating Indigenous art, the parkade entrance can offer a warm welcome, helping patients, families, and staff feel acknowledged and valued as they come and go. This approach aims to foster a positive and respectful atmosphere, aligning with the hospital's commitment to inclusivity and cultural safety.</p> <p>Theme: Successful artist to meet with VCH project team to collaborate on a theme.</p>	<p>Create a digital artwork for installation at the main entrance of the VGH parkade (please see appendix 1), with VCH responsible for the printing and installation.</p> <p>Artist design fee: Up to \$ 8,000</p> <p>Application Deadline: October 1, 2024</p> <p>Artwork draft due: Mid-November 2024</p> <p>Artwork final design due: Beginning of December 2024</p>

SUBMISSION PROCESS	
1. Expression of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact information: email and phone number • Nation Affiliation: Musqueam, Squamish or Tsleil-Waututh • Brief statement about your work and your interest and vision in this artwork.
2. Previous art experience	<p>Provide 4 – 6 samples, if available, of previous work that has been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include details of the samples provided (e.g., size, location, materials). • At least two Coast Salish traditional design(s)
<p>Submission</p> <p>Please send an email containing the information above to susan.richardson@vch.ca and daniela.segatto@vch.ca</p>	

SELECTION CRITERIA
<p>The artist will be selected by a panel including representatives from the Host Nations and VCH. The panel will review the submissions and select the artist. The artist will then be notified and schedule to meet with the team to discuss the artwork.</p> <p>If you have been awarded a contract for an art project with VCH in the last six months, please note we may give preference to new applicants.</p>
<p>Criteria</p> <p>Coast Salish art design (Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, Tsleil-Waututh)</p> <p>Artistic knowledge based on samples provided</p> <p>Connection to theme / facility</p>

DEADLINE
<p>Application Deadline: October 1, 2024</p> <p>Estimated Decision: Mid-October 2024</p>

APPENDIX 1 – Artwork Placements

- Pillar to pillar width (purple arrow) 17.0'
- Floor to ceiling beam height (red arrow) 6' 10"
- Floor to Ceiling height (blue arrow) 8' 10"

