

## Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Public Art Mural

Honoring the United States Armed Forces & America 250

### Project Location:

310 North Main Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

### Project Overview

The City of Findlay is seeking qualifications from experienced mural artists or artist teams to design and install a large-scale public mural honoring the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. The mural will be located on the exterior wall of the building at 310 North Main Street in Downtown Findlay and will serve as a lasting tribute to those who have served our nation.

This project will also celebrate the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States (America 250) in 2026. The mural should thoughtfully incorporate themes of patriotism, service, sacrifice, unity, and national pride.

The selected artist will work collaboratively with City representatives and project partners to develop a design that reflects the values of the Findlay community and honors all branches of the U.S. military.

### Project Goals

The goals of the project include:

Honoring the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces.

Representing all six branches of the military:

- United States Army
- United States Marine Corps
- United States Navy
- United States Air Force
- United States Space Force
- United States Coast Guard

Celebrating the America 250 milestone in a creative and meaningful way.

Creating a visually impactful public art installation that enhances the Downtown Findlay streetscape.

Developing a mural that will serve as a point of pride for the community and veterans.

Artists are encouraged to incorporate symbolism, imagery, and design elements that reflect both military service and American, and local history.

## Mural Site Information

Location: 310 North Main Street, Findlay, Ohio

Surface Type: Brick. *(Tuckpointing work to ensure surface integrity will be completed prior to project.)*

Approximate Wall Dimensions: 100(length) x 45(height)

Wall Orientation is South

Expected Visibility: Highly visible



## Project Budget

The total project budget is not yet determined but project estimates should be included in respondents' proposal, which should include all costs associated with the project, including but not limited to:

- Artist design fee
- Materials and supplies
- Surface preparation and priming (if required)
- Equipment or lift rental
- Travel expenses
- Installation and finishing materials
- Protective coatings or sealants
- Artist Qualifications

## Artists or artist teams should demonstrate:

- Experience designing and executing large-scale public murals
- A strong portfolio of completed public art or mural work

- Ability to collaborate with community stakeholders
- Experience working on outdoor, weather-resistant installations
- Veteran artists or teams that include veterans are encouraged to apply, though this is not required.

### **Submission Requirements**

Interested artists should submit the following materials:

- Artist Statement describing interest in the project
- Portfolio of Past Work (5–10 images of relevant mural or public art projects)
- Resume or CV
- Brief Concept Approach describing how the artist might incorporate the themes of military service and America 250
- References from previous public art projects

Submissions should be sent electronically to:

Contact Name: Christina Muryn

Title: Mayor

Email: [cmuryn@findlayohio.gov](mailto:cmuryn@findlayohio.gov)

Phone: 419-424-7137

### **Project Timeline**

RFQ Release Date: March 27, 2026

Submission Deadline: April 24, 2026

Artist Selection: May 29, 2026

Design Approval: TBD

Installation Window: TBD

Target Completion Date: TBD

### **Selection Process**

Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee that may include representatives from:

- The City of Findlay
- Hancock County
- Local veterans' organizations
- Community stakeholders
- Arts and cultural representatives

Evaluation criteria will include artistic quality, experience with large-scale murals, ability to interpret the project theme, and feasibility of execution.

### **Additional Information**

The City of Findlay reserves the right to request additional information from applicants, modify the project scope, or reject any or all submissions.