Mural Grant Guidance

Applicants
- Artists and communities are encouraged to submit exciting art design concepts that represent the distinct character and quality of a local community, with consideration to local cultural heritage and diversity.
- Projects must employ community engagement in the creative process (include input from residents and stakeholders in the mural design process)
- Projects must be sited in Baltimore City
- Working together, artists and community groups design and propose a new mural art concept for their community. Communities should carefully review design concepts to address questionable or offensive mural artwork designs.
- Submissions must include a rendering or sketch of the proposed art design.
- An independent panel of community stakeholders and artists review and score submissions for the award.
- Grant awards may not cover all project costs, additional funding sources may be needed to complete artworks.
- Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts works to assist communities to realize their mural project concept.

Funding
- The temporary public art projects funded by this grant supports the creation of new, exterior wall mural artworks sited in Baltimore City (mural restorations do not qualify)

Insurance Provisions
- General Liability insurance coverage for bodily injury and property damage
- Workers compensation insurance coverage for the contractors’ employees
- For privately-funded murals, contact your insurance company to ensure the mural project

Maintenance and Restoration
- The Community Art Grant does not provide for mural maintenance or restorations.

Permits
- Permit to paint on residential structure exterior wall
  https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/pi/permits
- DHCD enforces the Baltimore City Building Code, as well as state laws pertaining to construction and occupancy.
- To change the use of any structure (ex: painting an exterior wall), DHCD requires a permit.
- Permit fees vary by project type and scope and are outlined in the Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City.

Protections for Historic Districts and Landmarks
- Authorization to Proceed: Exterior changes to all properties within Baltimore City's historic districts and local Landmarks must be presented to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Review (CHAP) for review and approval.

Authorization to Proceed Application