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## **Community Public Art Grants Available for Projects – Deadline October 15, 2014**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The City of Maple Ridge through the Public Art Steering Committee is providing seed grant funding for community organizations and service groups to support projects that engage artists with residents in a creative collaboration that is publicly accessible and leaves a lasting experience or legacy for the general public. Partnerships are also encouraged and welcomed with business, individual artists, etc. A group may apply for a maximum of \$1,500 per project. The Steering Committee has set aside a maximum of \$5,000 annually as seed funding to encourage this type of community engagement. The funding is subject to the Council budget approval process. The grant deadline is October 15, 2014 for projects in 2014 and 2015.

The objectives of the Community Public Art Program are:

- To nurture a collaborative process between practicing artists and the community;
- To encourage the creation of publicly accessible artwork, permanent or temporary that has artistic merit and community benefit;
- To foster community pride, identity and cohesion through a collaborative artistic endeavour;
- To provide small scale opportunities for artists to gain experience in the field of public art;
- To increase the community's understanding of public art through small scale locally based projects;
- To reflect the diversity, needs and ambitions of the larger community.

Community public art projects can be interior or exterior works, temporary, semi-permanent or permanent. Interior works must be in public buildings and sited in an area open to the public on a regular basis. The works can include, but are not limited to murals, mosaics, community garden and festival enhancements, temporary interventions, digital projections, functional art such as benches or bike racks, streetscape improvements such as sidewalks or plazas and place-markers. A wide

variety of mediums and artistic disciplines will be considered, including mixed media, performance art, digital media, etc. The applicant is responsible for getting approvals and permits for the work's location and/or presentation. Additional details and information is available at [mrpmparksandleisure.ca/380](http://mrpmparksandleisure.ca/380) in the program guidelines and application forms are available for download. Please send completed applications to [submissions@mapleridge.ca](mailto:submissions@mapleridge.ca).

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