



NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC SOLICITATION BY A PUBLIC SERVANT

Public servant includes all municipal employees, board members, and elected officials. AMC 1.15.030D.

Prior to application, bid, and response submittal, this form must be filed with the Municipal Clerk for electronic publication no less than seven days in advance of the deadline for submitting a response. AMC 1.15.100B.1.

1. **Name:** May Ramirez-Xiong **Phone:** 907-717-8567

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2. **I hereby provide notice that I or a member of my immediate family or household intend to respond to the following public solicitation:**

Solicitation No. Mayor's 2025 Grants Issued by: Mayor's Office Submission Deadline: 4/14/2025

Project Description: Mayor LaFrance seeks applicants for 2025 Community Grants & 2025 Art Grants

Solicitation is to provide: Nonprofit organizations working in arts and culture & Community Grants to local charities and nonprofits working to improve the Municipality's well-being.

Respondent proposes to: contributing to the municipality's wellness through beautifying public space, preserving and enriching cultural heritage, sparking community dialogue, and empowering local artists.

3. **I am a(n) ...**



Employee

Municipal Department: Ombudsman's Office

MOA Corporate Authority: _____

ASD Department/School: _____

Job Title: Deputy Ombudsman



Board Member

Board/Commission/Authority/LRSA: AERC Commission



Elected Official

Elected Office: _____

4. **Please check one of the following:**



Neither I, nor any member of my immediate family or household take any official actions that could directly affect the request for services, nor the award, execution, or administration of the solicitation.



I, or a member of my immediate family or household, do take official actions that could directly affect the request for services, or the award, execution, or administration of the solicitation, and the following steps have been taken to prevent a potential conflict of interest: ***Please provide the information requested on the back of this form. (Attach separate sheets as necessary.)***

5. **All filers must affirm the following statement:** I am filing this notice timely for publication and I shall submit a copy to the Purchasing Department with my response to the solicitation. **I affirm that the statements made by me on this form are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

[Signature]
Signature

4/9/2025
Date

FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE USE ONLY

Note: The Municipal Clerk's Office will publish this notice on the Municipality of Anchorage Website (www.muni.org).

Date Received: 04-09-2025

Date Electronically Published: 04-10-2025

TO THE PURCHASING OFFICER:

Return completed form to the Municipal Clerk's Office upon award of this public solicitation.

The integrity of the public solicitation process is not adversely affected by this award.

Purchasing Officer

Date

I am disclosing the following economic interest in a Municipal contract or in an entity engaging in business with the Municipality held by myself or a member of my immediate family or household:

Identify the Municipal Contract: *(Attach separate sheets as necessary.)*

Contract Name: _____ Date Acquired: _____

Name of the person with the economic interest: _____

Amount of interest held: _____ ☐ self or ☐ family-household member

Could the performance of your official duties in any way affect the contract? _____

(If yes, the public servant may request additional review by the Board of Ethics. AMC 1.15.100B.2.)

If yes, describe the potential for conflict:

If yes, describe the preventive measures that shall be taken to manage any potential for conflict:

and/or ...

Identify the Entity engaging in business with the Municipality: *(Attach separate sheets as necessary.)*

Entity Name: HEART, INC Date Acquired: None Yet

Name of the person with the economic interest: May Ramirez-Xiong

Title of position held: President & CEO ☒ self or ☐ family-household member

Describe the responsibilities of the position held:

As the President and CEO of HEART, INC, a Nonprofit Organization, I hold the responsibility for overseeing our mission and operations.

While I may not be directly involved in every activity, I am ultimately accountable for our collective efforts. Consequently, I will be closely monitoring the organization's activities as well as the allocation and expenditure of funds to ensure that we operate with integrity and efficiency.

Could the performance of your official duties in any way affect the entity's business with the Municipality? NO

(If yes, the public servant may request additional review by the Board of Ethics. AMC 1.15.100B.2.)

If yes, describe the potential for conflict:

There is not potential conflict; however, I am making a disclosure as required by Code. My role in the The Ombudsman's office and as a Commissioner of the AERC does not involve evaluating or selecting the organizations that get awarded the grants. Our organization may not even get selected.

If yes, describe the preventive measures that shall be taken to manage any potential for conflict:

The Ombudsman's office/AERC do not involve evaluating or selecting the organizations that get awarded the grants or contracts.

This form must be signed by a municipal ethics officer or reviewed by the board of ethics (AMC 1.15.100.B.1.a).

I have reviewed this disclosure and either no potential for conflict exists or it has been managed by taking the preventive steps described.

Ethics Officer's Signature Date

For Municipal Clerk's Office Use

Date Received: 04-09-2025

Date Reviewed by Board of Ethics: _____



Mayor Suzanne LaFrance
Municipality of Anchorage

February 4, 2025

Mayor LaFrance seeks applicants for 2025 Community Grants

Mayor LaFrance invites community members to apply for the 2025 Mayor's Community Grants. The application period will be open February 11 to March 10, 2025.

Each year, the mayor awards Community Grants to local charities and nonprofits working to improve the Municipality's well-being. This long-standing tradition of local grants provides financial support and recognition for organizations working to address community needs.

This year, a total of \$315,000 will be awarded to a range of projects that engage Mayor LaFrance's policy priorities. Projects could include public safety (e.g., activating public space, behavioral health), housing (e.g., workforce development, addressing homelessness), preparedness (e.g., energy security, weather emergencies), and beyond.

"We really want to fund creative ideas that serve the public and make a difference," said Mayor LaFrance. "I look forward to recognizing the people working hard to make our community a safer, more vibrant place."

To apply for the Mayor's Community Grants, [click here](#).

The Mayor's Arts Grants will open in a second window later this year, with more details soon to come.

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Mayor Suzanne LaFrance
Municipality of Anchorage



Anchorage Community
Development Authority

March 11, 2025

Mayor LaFrance seeks applicants for 2025 Art Grants

Mayor LaFrance invites community members to apply for the 2025 Mayor's Art Grants. The application period will be open March 17 to April 14, 2025.

Historically, the Mayor's Art Grants recognized and uplifted the work of presenters, producers, and community-based arts organizations that are 501(c)(3) nonprofits which offer visual art, theater, dance, music, and poetry in the Municipality of Anchorage. This long-standing local grant tradition supports organizations contributing to the municipality's wellness through beautifying public space, preserving and enriching cultural heritage, sparking community dialogue, and empowering local artists.

A total of \$175,000 will be awarded to two types of projects this year. First, nonprofit organizations working in arts and culture will be awarded \$75,000. We are seeking project proposals with a clear public engagement component. Projects could include performances incorporating audiences, programming open to the public, art accessible to the public, and beyond.

Second, and new this year, \$100,000 will be awarded jointly by the Municipality and the Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA) to Beyond the Beige proposals. We are seeking proposals by two or more organizations working together for projects that bring color to a neighborhood or neighborhoods. Projects could include murals, alleyway projects, façade improvements, and beyond.

"The arts are one of the best ways we have to transform individual perspectives into community experiences," said **Mayor Suzanne LaFrance**. "Our community has an amazing range of backgrounds, heritage, voices, and traditions. I can't wait to see the journeys the artists in our community take us on."

"This partnership reflects our commitment to community empowerment. The Great Street Facade Loan Program helps revitalize storefronts, enhance neighborhoods, and create dynamic cultural spaces," said **ACDA Executive Director Mike Robbins**. "We're excited to collaborate with the Municipality of Anchorage on this transformative effort."

The application will open March 17 at 9 a.m. and close April 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. To submit an application to the art grants, [click here](#).