

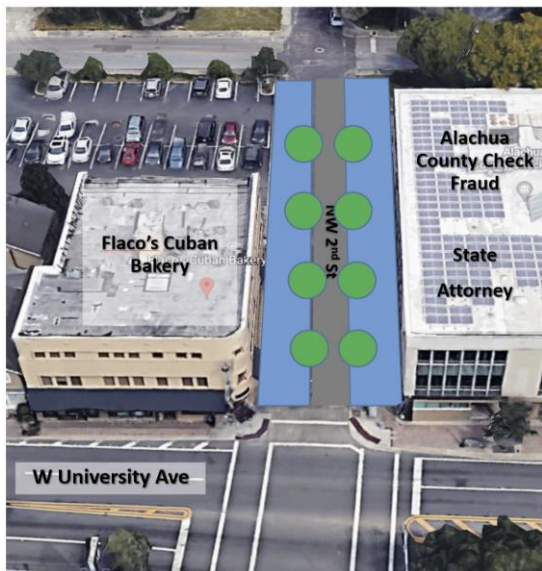
Purpose

The State Attorney, Alachua County Arts Council, and The City of Gainesville’s Arts in Public Places Trust invites artists or artist teams to respond to this Call to Artists for an outdoor mosaic installation for the State Attorney’s Office building (pictured below) to celebrate the transition between Downtown and the Historic Pleasant Street Neighborhood. Project location: NW 2nd Street, between W University Ave and W 1st Ave. Art location: along the State Attorney’s Office Building 1st floor western façade.

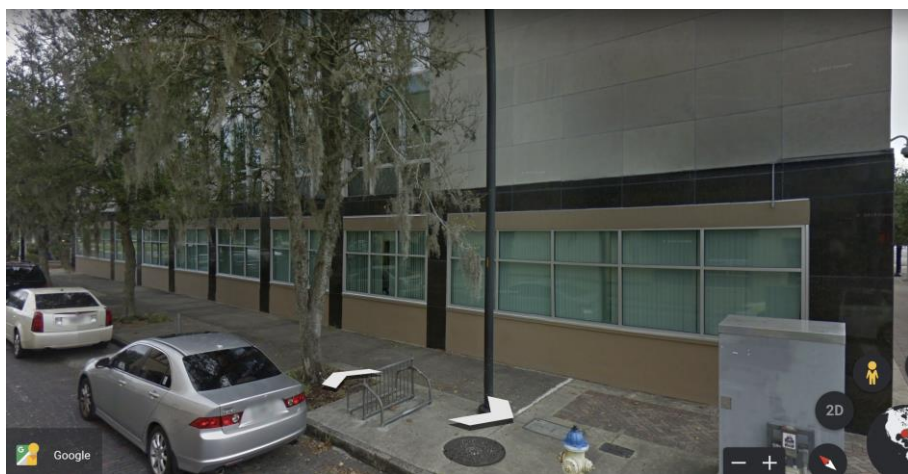
Background

The mission of the County public arts program is “to enhance the quality of the visual environment in Alachua County, thereby adding to the quality of life and the level of citizen awareness of the importance of aesthetic experience in their everyday lives.”

The Pleasant Street Historic District is significant as the first and most important black residential neighborhood in Gainesville, Florida. Founded immediately after the Civil War, the area represented a transition in the status of black people in Alachua County from that of slave laborers supporting a rural plantation economy to one of freedmen seeking to establish a new existence of economic independence and cultural self-determination in an urban environment. The district also demonstrates the often-curious ambiguity and contradictory social relationship that existed between black people and southern whites that allowed close physical proximity, since the southern part of the district is a



historically white residential area.



This public art opportunity also ties into implementing of the City of Gainesville’s [2022 Downtown Strategic Plan](#), Idea 8: Connect Neighborhoods to Downtown: “Strengthen the relationship with adjacent neighborhoods. Establish thresholds and gateways to connect neighborhoods to the opportunities happening downtown. Creating meaningful connections between downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods are essential to ensuring that downtown feels like a

part of its surroundings.”

The State Attorney’s Office is charged under Florida law with being the chief prosecuting officer for his judicial circuit and the counties in it. Florida statutes and criminal rules define those duties, which are primarily focused on criminal offenders. The State Attorney, with his appointed Assistants and other staff, appears in the courts to represent the interests of justice and of the people.

The mosaic will be installed on the western first-floor side of the State Attorney’s Office located at 120 West University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601. The selected Artist will engage with the Pleasant Street community to develop a preliminary sketch that is reflective of the values of the community. The selected artist will work closely with Alachua County staff to determine the exact size, precise indoor/outdoor installation location, and

installation method(s) to ensure the mosaic is publicly viewable without compromising the structural integrity of the building’s façade or causing an attractive nuisance for vandalism.

Eligibility

This call is an open call to all artists, artist teams, and student artists who have prior experience with mosaic work.

Deadline

Submittals are due via by Wednesday, x, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Budget

The budget for this project is **\$15,000**, which includes, but is not limited to, artists fees, other consultants’ and subcontractors’ fees, insurance conforming to Alachua County Board of County Commissioners standards, engineering, materials fabrication, transportation, installation (including any site modification), and post-installation documentation.

Scope of Services / Project Details

The Evaluation Team will consist of a group of interested stakeholders, including a State Attorney’s Office employee, member of the City of Gainesville’s Arts in Public Places Trust, and the Alachua County Arts Council. This artwork will be a mosaic inspired by meeting(s) held with the Pleasant Street Historic Society. Artists must describe their community engagement process with the Pleasant Street Historic Society.

Location

The State Attorney’s Office is located at 120 West University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601

Scoring Rubric/Selection Process

Please review the scoring rubric below prior to completing your proposal. All information must be provided in order to be considered complete.

Quality of Resume	0-10 points
Artist is an Alachua County Resident	10 point bonus added to total
Likelihood that artist can successfully complete the art with the available funding. Have they finished past projects within budget?	0-15 points
Reference Check (case-by-case basis)	
Describe art installation and maintenance requirements for weather and vandalism.	0-15 points
Artistic quality of submitted materials	0-30 points
Creativity	0-15 points
Describe process to engage the Pleasant Street Historic Society	0-15 points

Selection Process

The Evaluation Team will review the submittals and recommend the top three (3) ranked artist/artist team (“Artist”) to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners for final selection. Upon notification, the chosen Artist will work with Alachua County staff to initiate the community engagement process with the Pleasant Street neighborhood community. Within 30 days of the community engagement, the selected Artist will provide at least two (2) conceptual sketches of their proposed mosaic. The sketches will then be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final selection. The Commission may also choose to reject all sketches and request additional revisions.