

Request for Artwork Commission Proposal
Mukwa Health & Fitness Center
Bay Mills Community College

Overview

Mukwa Health & Fitness Center is seeking proposals from talented Bay Mills and other local tribal member artists to create artwork that embodies health, wellness, strength, and cultural identity.

This project aims to enhance the facility's atmosphere and inspire community members to pursue physical and spiritual well-being while celebrating Anishinaabe culture.

Project Scope

We are seeking artwork that:

- Reflects Anishinaabe values and traditions in relation to health and fitness and encourages physical, mental, and spiritual wellness
- Incorporates traditional or contemporary Anishinaabe artistic styles
- The goal is to share fun, vibrant, innovative artwork that tells the story of wellness and fitness across communities
- Includes a concept that will ultimately be created as a high resolution vector file of artwork for rear wall mural and front wall window on outdoor fitness court that will be constructed at Mukwa Health & Fitness Center

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to ***all Indigenous artists*** from the Bay Mills Indian Community and surrounding communities; both emerging and established artists are encouraged to apply.

Budget & Compensation

The selected artist(s) will need to submit a W-9 and will have the opportunity to discuss their rate prior to starting the project.

Proposal Requirements

Interested artists should submit a proposal including:

- Artist name and contact information
- A brief statement describing their vision for the project with concept sketches **OR** examples of previous work

Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of Mukwa staff and community members. Selection criteria will include artistic quality, cultural relevance, feasibility, suitability for the application, and alignment with the facility's mission.

Submission Deadline

All proposals must be submitted by July 3rd, 2026.

Submission Instructions

Please send your proposal via email to khealy@bmcc.edu with the subject line "Mukwa Health & Fitness Center Artwork Proposal." Alternatively, hard copies can be delivered to the fitness center at 12400 W Spectacle Lake Rd Brimley, MI, United States, Michigan 49715, please contact Karol Perron Healy to make arrangements.

Contact Information

For questions or additional information, please contact Karol Perron Healy at 906-248-8495 or khealy@bmcc.edu.

We look forward to receiving your creative proposals and showcasing the incredible artistic talent within our community. Miigwech!