

West 7th Commercial Mural Grant Application Fall 2026

The West 7th/Fort Road Federation is offering up to **\$10,000** to support the design and installation of an **exterior** mural on a commercial property in the West 7th neighborhood. This funding is supported by the City of Saint Paul Commercial Corridor Program.

Application Instructions

Please complete all sections of this application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applications are required to upload a budget, and must include a **mural concept, sketch, or example of past work**.

Applications are due by 5:00 PM on September 30, 2026 (submit via Google form!)

The mural(s) must be completed by May 15, 2027.

Maximum Grant Amount: \$10,000

Administered by: West 7th/Fort Road Federation

Eligible applicants include business owners, commercial tenants (with landlord approval), or property owners.

Boundaries: Projects must take place *on or within .10 miles of* West 7th Street in District 9, the West 7th/Fort Road Federation neighborhood.

The Federation will **contract and pay the mural artist directly**, so applicants are **not required to front project costs**.

Grant funds may be used for **direct mural expenses only**, including artist fees, materials, surface preparation, and equipment required for installation. Funds **may not be used for administrative fees, project management, or third-party coordination services**.

Selection Process:

Applications will be submitted to the West 7th/Fort Road Development Team for recommendation. W7FRDT utilizes a scorecard to rank individual applications. If recommended the project moves to the West 7th/Fort Road Federation Board of Directors for final approval. This is a first come first serve opportunity and there is no guarantee a project will be funded. There is a total of \$10,000 available in grant funding.

For questions, contact:

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*** Indicates required question**

Project Scoring Guide

Scoring Categories

Category	Description	Full Points	Partial Points	Points Awarded	Comments
West 7th Relevance & Community Impact	Is the project site relevant and well-located within District 9? Will it make a meaningful contribution to the neighborhood and improve the appearance of the corridor? Does the project enhance an underutilized space?	30	15		
Artistic Quality & Cultural Impact	Creativity and originality of the concept, alignment with neighborhood identity.	20	10		
Feasibility	Does the project have approvals, permits, artist, and timeline in place to move forward by May 15th?	30	15		
Budget & Use of Funds	Clarity and reasonableness of project costs. Is the scope appropriate for the funding amount (up to \$10,000)?	20	10		
Total Points Possible:		100			

Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name *

2. Organization/Business Name (if applicable) *

3. Primary Contact Name *

4. Phone Number *

5. Email Address *

6. Mailing Address *

7. Applicant Type *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Property Owner

☐ Business Owner

☐ Commercial Tenant

Property & Site Information

8. Property Address *

9. Property Owner Name (if different from applicant)

10. Do you have permission to install a mural? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. Upload proof of permission (required for tenants)

Files submitted:

12. Description of mural location (*wall size, visibility, surface condition*) *

Project Details

13. Project Title *

14. Project Description *

15. What is the goal or theme of the mural? *

16. How does this mural contribute to the West 7th community? *

17. Estimated timeline for completion (*must be completed by July 12, 2026*) *

Artist Information

18. Artist Name(s) (*if known*) *

19. Artist Bio

20. Link to portfolio or past work *

21. Artist Status *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Confirmed
- ☐ Identified but not yet confirmed
- ☐ Not yet selected

Design & Visuals

22. Upload a **mural concept, sketch, or example of past work**

Files submitted:

23. Describe the proposed design *

Budget

24. Estimated Total Project Cost *

25. Total Amount Requested? *
(up to \$10,000)

26. Brief budget description (*artist fees, materials, equipment, etc.*) *

Maintenance & Longevity

27. How will the mural be maintained over time? *

28. Who will be responsible for maintenance?

Community Impact

29. Will the community be involved in any way? *

30. How will this project support the local business corridor or placemaking? *

Certification

By submitting this application, I certify that the information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If funded, I agree to:

- Complete the project by July 15, 2026
- Submit a brief final report with documentation including a brief narrative and photos.
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- I will work with the Federation on artist coordination and installation logistics
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I agree to acknowledge the West 7th/Fort Road Federation in project materials

Program Requirements

- Projects must contribute to strengthening and/or improving the West 7th district.
- If the project cost is over \$25,000: All contractors and their laborers must be paid a prevailing wage as determined by the City upon securing the grant contract.
- Compliance with Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO) guidelines is mandatory, including adherence to Affirmative Action/Equal Employment (AA/EE) policies, prevailing wage standards, and Vendor Outreach Program (VOP) requirements.
- Applicants must obtain and submit at least three bids for their project if the cost is over \$50,000.
- I understand the Federation will pay the mural artist directly with appropriate itemized invoice(s).

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- All information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- West 7th/Fort Road Federation reserves the right to verify the ownership status of the property
- I understand the program requirements and guidelines.

31. Primary Applicant Signature

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***By entering your name, you acknowledge and agree to use this as your e-signature.*
