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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gindaaso-gamig (Library) Binoojiinhik (Children) Mural

Proposals will be received until 5:00 p.m. Eastern on ~~Wednesday 3/25/2026~~ Monday 4/20/2026. Please address or e-mail proposals to:

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gindaaso-gamig (Library) Binoojiinhik (Children) Mural Background:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gindaaso-gamig (Library), a tribal public library that is open to everyone, wishes to install a mural in the Binoojiinhik (children) area of the library, specifically inside the three-walled “nook” area. The library is rooted in service to community with an emphasis on culture and language and believes in the power of art to change and enrich lives. This mural will influence and inspire the next generation of creative thinkers, while celebrating and affirming the rich culture of Anishinaabe people and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe specifically.

Funding Notice. This project is funded in whole or part by a grant from the National Academy of Design’s Abbey Mural Prize Program. All work performed under this project is subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the grant award. The award of contract under this RFP may be contingent upon the Tribe’s receipt of grant funds. The Tribe shall not be liable for costs incurred if funding is reduced, delayed, or withdrawn.

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gindaaso-gamig (Library) is requesting submissions from artists. The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to solicit applications from artists for the creation of a mural in the Binoojiinhik (children) section of the library.

SECTION 2: EXPECTATIONS

The selected artist will be over the age of 18 years and will create and install an original art mural in the “nook” area of the Binoojiinhik (children) section of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gindaaso-gamig (Library). The “nook” area is a three-sided alcove, which measures:

Left side: 75.5" wide, 94.5" from floor to ceiling, 5" baseboard
Back: 96.5" wide, 78.5" high from radiator to ceiling
Right side: 67" wide, 94.5" from floor to ceiling, 5" baseboard

The selected artist will be responsible for selecting/identifying required materials and equipment used to create the mural.

Photo:



Samples of work should show your demonstrated ability to execute a high-quality end result reflecting and honoring the culture.

Renderings of your proposed mural should reflect what will be included in the finished mural.

Installation of this mural must start before June 30, 2026, and must be completed by May 31, 2027.

The library will purchase materials and equipment identified/selected by the artist, and the selected artist will be compensated with an Artist Fee, to be paid in installments marking milestones of the project (1/3 at start, 1/3 at midpoint, and 1/3 on completion).

SECTION 3: PROPOSAL FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

Please address the following topics/questions. Please feel free to submit additional information.

1. **Artist information:**
 - a. **Name:**
 - b. **Email:**
 - c. **Phone Number:**
 - d. **Website/social media (optional):**
 - e. **Artist bio (up to 150 words):**
2. **Background:** Please list your experience with similar projects
3. **Concept:** Please describe the concept you are proposing
4. **Imagery:** Please describe the imagery you are proposing
5. **Materials:** Please describe the materials/media you propose to use
6. **Community connection:** Please describe your connection to the community served by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gindaaso-gamig (Library)
7. **Renderings:** Please attach up to 4 files of renderings of representations of your proposed project, ideally in location (.pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png accepted)
8. **Samples of work:** Please attach up to 8 representative files documenting your existing work, which could include prior mural projects, paintings, etc. (.pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png accepted)
9. **CV:** Please attach your CV (.doc, .docx, .pdf accepted)
10. **Budget:** Please attach a budget including Artist Fee, Materials, Equipment, etc. (.xls, .xlsx, .pdf accepted)
11. **Timeline:** Please include your timeline for this project, which must start prior to June 30, 2026, and be complete before May 31, 2027

SECTION 4: QUESTIONS

All questions pertaining to this proposal are preferred in writing and sent by email to Anne Heidemann at aheidemann@sagchip.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern on ~~Wednesday 3/25/2026~~ Monday 4/20/2026. After this date, no further inquiries, concerns, or questions may be submitted.