



SPONSOR APPLICATION (2026)
TO EXHIBIT ARTWORK/OBJECTS ON PORT TIDELANDS
Applications are due by 5PM on January 31, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

The Port of San Diego's Parks & Recreation Department conducts an annual review of external requests from sponsors who want to temporarily exhibit artwork or objects on Port property or donate artwork or objects to the Port of San Diego. This review process enables the Port to effectively evaluate proposals and plan workload around projects on an annual basis. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to submit applications well in advance of desired installation timeframes to ensure adequate time for conceptual development, evaluations, and internal review processes.

The purpose of this application is to gather preliminary information that will be used to evaluate the proposal's alignment with the Port's acceptance criteria, its feasibility, and its overall appropriateness for potential exhibit or placement on Port property. Recommendation for advancement is not a guarantee that an artwork or object will be exhibited on Port property or become a part of the Port's Public Art Collection. It is merely a recommendation to advance to the next phase of review.

NOTE: This application is for sponsors with projects that are fully funded and are interested in donating and/or exhibiting artwork or objects on Port Tidelands. Open calls for proposals, qualifications and commissions are located on the "Public Art Opportunities" page of the Port's website and distributed in the email newsletter.

<https://www.portofsandiego.org/public-art/browse-calls-for-artists.html>

PROSPECTIVE SPONSOR INSTRUCTIONS:

Please carefully read the instructions prior to completing and submitting an application.

Electronic Submission: Application and attachments may be combined in a single .zip file not to exceed 10 Mb and submitted electronically via email to the Director at arts@portofsandiego.org.

Paper Submission: Print and submit the application by mail to: Port of San Diego, Parks & Recreation Dept., PO Box 120488, San Diego, CA 92112-0488; or hand deliver to 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.

In order to be eligible for review, fully completed applications must be received by the Parks & Recreation Department no later than 5:00PM PT on January 31, 2026 for the 2026 review cycle. No late submissions will be accepted. Note, inclusion in the 2025 review cycle does not mean that artworks proposed will be exhibited in 2025.

Sponsors will be notified by April 2025, or sooner, of the status of the proposal.

Application questions? Contact 619-725-6001 or arts@portofsandiego.org.

Application Date (MM/DD/YEAR):

I. SPONSOR CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Contact Phone

Company / Organization

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip code

Email address

If an organization is making this proposal, please indicate organization's incorporation date and briefly explain its mission below:

Organization Incorporation Date:

II. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

The Proposal is for a: ☐ Donation ☐ Loan

Donation: Legal ownership of the artwork/object would be transferred to the Port of San Diego.

Loan: The artwork/object would be loaned to the Port for the duration of its exhibition period.

Description: In the field below, provide a description of the artwork, concept, or item being proposed. Include approximate dimensions, materials, etc., as applicable. Include any background or historical information. Drawings, renderings, photos, and artist bios/resumes may be included with this application as supplemental attachments.

☐ Check this box if you are including additional materials with this application.

Purpose: In the field below, explain why the proposal is appropriate for display on Port of San Diego tidelands. How would it serve the interests of the public and/or the Port of San Diego?

Preliminary Financial Estimates and Requirements: In the field below, indicate if the total funds required for the artwork's creation, installation, and ongoing maintenance have been secured. If not, indicate the sponsor's intended funding strategy.

Proposed Site(s): Is there a proposed location on Port tidelands for the artwork/object's display? Please describe/indicate in the box below. Will the Sponsor consider alternative locations? ☐Yes ☐No

Preliminary Schedule: In the field below, provide an anticipated timeline. If the artwork/object is proposed for temporary exhibit, indicate the approximate length of the exhibition period and the desired start date. If the proposed artwork/object is not yet created, please provide an anticipated timeline for its development. Is the exhibition start date or timeframe flexible? ☐Yes ☐No

III. PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please check the appropriate box for each question below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Does the artwork/object address a specific disaster (natural or man-made)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Does the artwork/object address a health-related theme?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does the artwork/object promote an organization?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Is the artwork/object intended to help promote a regional or national event?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does the artwork/object address political and/or social movements or issues?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does the artwork/object address a subject that has cultural or historical significance to the Port?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Is the artwork/object commemorative in nature (memorials, markers, etc.)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the artwork/object depict a subject that is trademarked or commercially licensed?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8. Does the artwork/object depict an individual? If yes, has the individual been deceased for five years or more? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	9. Does the artwork/object depict an event? If yes, did the event occur 10 years ago or more? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



➡About Parks & Recreation

The Port of San Diego's Office of Arts & Culture is focused on creating a vibrant waterfront destination with innovative artworks, cultural programming, special events, and activation opportunities that enhance the visual character and cultural richness of Port tidelands. With a permanent outdoor collection of over 70 artworks, combined with more than 30 tenant-commissioned artworks, and a dynamic curatorial plan focused on contemporary exhibitions, there is something for everyone around San Diego Bay.

If you have questions, please contact Larry Hofreiter, Director, at 619-686-6257, or via email at lhofreiter@portofsandiego.org.