

## Application for Mural Support

The mural program supports projects led by artists, property owners and community groups. You may be eligible for services, including: wall priming, paints & supplies provided at no cost and application of anti-graffiti coating. Projects are considered temporary and approved applicants are required to maintain the mural for a minimum of two years.

If an existing mural is damaged, you may be eligible for repair support including professional graffiti removal services.

### Goals

- Activate Vancouver neighbourhoods, communities and public spaces
- Encourage stewardship and public realm enhancement
- Encourage community partnerships to enable public art
- Provide support to artists and build artistic capacity

### Eligibility

- Must be an artistically driven project led by an artist or arts organization
- Located in freely accessible public areas
- Property owner consent is required

Public property sites are eligible if the applicant has secured a City or Park Board grant or commission, or are in partnership or led by tenants of a City owned property.

Sites of significance to the local First Nations, including shoreline areas, will only be pursued with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh support.

Applications for murals on Heritage buildings are subject to a lengthy process with no guaranteed approval.

### Not Eligible

- Any elements of advertising, promotion, signage, or branding
- Artwork that functions as a memorial to specific people or events
- Pre-existing artwork used for past opportunities, placed in a gallery, sold, or any other existing use

### Site Considerations

Applicants are responsible for:

- Obtaining sidewalk closure permits and arranging lifts or scaffolding
- Securing access to adjacent private property when doing work if needed
- Ensuring safe working conditions, such as wearing masks, considering electrical wires, garbage dumpsters and other obstructions

General liability insurance is recommended but not required.

## Services Offered

- Mural permitting
- Wall prep: power washing and priming
- Paints & supplies
- Anti-graffiti coating

## How to Apply

Artists must first contact the staff coordinator to determine eligibility and to access the application form:

Mural Program Coordinator  
[murals@vancouver.ca](mailto:murals@vancouver.ca)  
Phone: 3-1-1

## The following components will be required:

- Signed [Mural Support contract & property owner consent and release form](#)
- [Recent photo\(s\) of the wall with the surrounding area](#) (google street view image not accepted)
- [Photo or sketch with dimensions of the wall](#)
- Draft of the artwork
- [Rendering of the artwork](#) (the draft artwork superimposed on the photo of the wall)

## Application timeline

Painting begins approximately five weeks after the application approval and the community notification timeframe.

## Repair Support

Repairing an existing mural? Only permitted murals are eligible and the two-year maintenance agreement will be renewed.

Available services include:

- Professional graffiti removal
- Paints & supplies
- Anti-graffiti coating

Send an email to [murals@vancouver.ca](mailto:murals@vancouver.ca) with the following attached:

- Recent photo of the damaged mural
- Signed [Mural Repair contract](#)