



CALL TO ARTISTS

Tarpon Springs Storm Drain Murals Phase II

Deadline for submissions: Monday, October 5, 2026

Project Summary: The City of Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (PAC) is seeking artists to design and paint storm drain murals at several locations in the city. This is the second Call to Artists for Phase II of Storm Drain Murals; so far five of them have been painted in the City of Tarpon Springs.

Profile of the commissioning institution: The PAC was created by Article XVII; Public Art Program paragraph 287.00 to enhance the aesthetics of the community through the creation of works of art.

Site Description: The storm drain locations to be painted are (photos included on following page):

1. 160 Tarpon Avenue
2. W. Tarpon Avenue and N. Spring Blvd, southeast corner in front of the clock.
3. W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and S. Spring Blvd/Whitcomb Blvd., West side

Design Theme: The project's purpose is to raise awareness about stormwater pollution; when it rains stormwater runs over sidewalks, paved streets, yards and picks up oil, litter, chemicals, yard waste and various other pollutants that then flow into stormwater pipes. Those pipes then drain into our waterways without treatment. That water can also have products of illicit dumping such as trash, paint, cigarettes, plastic wrap, and many other disposed of items which make their way into those waterways, thereby damaging the flora and fauna.

Design Criteria: The Storm Drain Murals must be geared toward environmental awareness and incorporate the slogan "ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN". This project is not to be used for promoting businesses of any kind; animals and plants depicted in the murals must be indicative of native species found in Tampa Bay or the Anclote River/Gulf watersheds.

Project timeline: All proposals are due at the city of Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee no later than Monday, October 5, 2026. Artists will be notified by email by October 21, 2026. Storm Drains are required to be completed by February 1, 2027, weather permitting.

Proposal Requirements: Design samples should be bold, original, strong artistic designs that address the theme of "Only Rain Down the Drain", stormwater pollution,



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environmental and local ecosystem protection. Artists are welcome to submit more than one design and designs previously submitted and not used will be considered for these three locations, unless the artists notifies the PAC Vice Chair by email requesting that they not be considered. Once the artwork is selected by the Public Arts Committee, the artist may be asked to adjust the specific design to fit the particular storm drain to be painted.

Compensation: An honorarium of \$200 will be given as compensation for the selected artwork at each location. Painting kits will be provided for each location, consisting of paints in primary colors, brushes/rollers and protective gear.

Submission: The Storm Drain Mural project is open to artists of all skill levels and all ages, including clubs, groups and students. There is no fee to enter; you do not have to be a resident of Tarpon Springs to enter. Each design must be submitted as an individual image and emailed to PAC Vice Chair Martha Hickey at MarthaDHickey@gmail.com. Please title your email STORM DRAIN MURAL and in the body of the email, please put your name, group/school/club name if applicable, email address, mailing address, phone number and art affiliation if applicable.

By making a submission to this project, you are assigning Tarpon Arts and the Public Art Committee of Tarpon Springs the permission to display the artwork in city publications and any other related materials. All artists receiving honorarium payments must submit a completed W9 and Vendor Application before payment is issued.

160 E. Tarpon Ave.



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W. Tarpon Ave & N. Spring Blvd.



6. W. Tarpon Ave & N. Spring Blvd, southeast corner in front of clock and across from stairs





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W. MLK Jr. Drive & S. Spring Blvd/Whitcomb Blvd.

