



# LIGHT CITY

## Neighborhood Lights 2018 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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**The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) seeks qualified artists, artist teams, and/or arts organizations to submit qualifications for its public artist in residency program, Neighborhood Lights.**

### Artist Call

Neighborhood Lights is an immersive community arts program that spreads the magic of Light City to neighborhoods throughout Baltimore City. Selected artists will work directly with one of 12 participating neighborhoods to create an illuminated public project within the neighborhood of their residency. Neighborhood Lights 2018 will kick off the weekend of April 6-8, 2018 with projects potentially on extended view through Light City, which takes place at Baltimore's Inner Harbor from April 14-21, 2018.

Though the artist(s) and community members will ultimately decide the public outcome and specific sites for each project through the residency itself, projects can include but are not limited to: large-scale projections, full-scale neighborhood installations, window based projections and installations, illuminated public sculptures or monuments, performances, special events, celebrations and/or new traditions that integrate light. Works can be performative and/or visual, temporary or semi-permanent, in sites ranging from front stoops to vacant lots. All projects funded through the neighborhood lights program must be accessible, free and open to the public.

### Deadline to Apply

Monday, August 21, 2017

### Project Budget

Approximately \$15,000 total, inclusive of artist fees, materials costs, and administrative costs.

### Timeline

- July 12, 2017: Participating Neighborhoods Announced and Neighborhood Profiles available
- August 21, 2017: Artist Application Deadline
- October 6, 2017: Artist Notifications

- October–December 2017: Artist pre-meetings with communities, site selection and proposal development
- January–April 2018: Artist Residency & Project Implementation
- April 6–8, 2018: Neighborhood Lights Kick-off Weekend
- April 14–21, 2018: Light City

### Eligibility

Lead Artist(s) must be 18 years or older, with a demonstrated and strong commitment to Baltimore City. Housing is not provided as part of this residency. Employees of the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts are not eligible to apply.

### Application

Qualifications should be submitted online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9foghjrj>

Application Deadline: August 21, 2017

### Expectations of the Artist

If selected, artists will be responsible for working with their specific neighborhood to:

- Identify sites for a public outcome.
- Canvas community to identify goals, shape project scope, identify potential collaborators.
- Conduct community art-making workshop(s) which are used either to create the artworks themselves or to teach technical skills that correspond with the creation of the artwork being developed.
- Work with the community and BOPA to develop a project budget (\$15,000).
- Create a public illuminated art project that happens on the weekend of April 6–8, 2018.
- Neighborhood Lights projects may remain open and on view during Light City 2018 (April 14–21, 2018).

## Selection Criteria

- Artistic merit: Applicants should demonstrate a strong portfolio of past work samples, exhibiting high aesthetic quality and thoughtful concept.
- Community engagement: Applicants should have experience with and interest in working with communities in their practice.
- Strong verbal, written and graphic communication skills: Applicants should exhibit good people and communication skills and be able to effectively collaborate with multiple project stakeholders as they develop, present, and receive feedback on their projects.
- Previous experience: Applicants should have experience creating visual or performing artworks in the public sphere and should exhibit a clear understanding of designing and fabricating projects for the outdoors.

## Neighborhood Profiles

The participating neighborhoods for Neighborhood Lights 2018 are:

1. Brooklyn/Curtis Bay
2. Belair-Edison
3. Bromo Arts District
4. Federal Hill
5. Hamilton-Lauraville
6. Highlandtown
7. Hollins Roundhouse/Southwest Baltimore
8. Locust Point
9. Patterson Park
10. Pigtown/Washington Village
11. Remington
12. Waverly

To learn more about each participating neighborhood, visit [www.lightcity.org](http://www.lightcity.org) to view the neighborhood profiles.

## About Light City

In 1816, Baltimore was the first American city to illuminate its streets with gas lanterns, revolutionizing the urban landscape and forever transforming the city with light. It's with this spirit of invention and transformation that 200 years later Light City was launched in 2016. Light City is a free, family-friendly event that is open to all members of the public and welcomed nearly 470,000 attendees from throughout Baltimore and the region in its second year. Nearly 80% of festival-goers cited viewing art work as their main reason for visiting Light City.

## About the Baltimore Office Of Promotion & The Arts

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