



CALL FOR ARTISTS

[Special Service Area #61 – Hyde Park \(SSA #61\) aka/Downtown Hyde Park Chicago \(DTHP\)](#) invites artists to submit proposals to transform the vacant walls adjacent to 1601 E 53rd Street and 1601 E 55th in the Hyde Park neighborhood, through artistic activation. A maximum of two artists will be chosen for final project implementation, and we request a separate budget for each project.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED SITES:

- Site #1: 1601 E 55th Street (SE Corner connected to viaduct)
- Site #2: 1601 E 53rd Street (SE Corner connected to viaduct)

PROJECT TIMELINE:

- Application Open: October 2021 (TBD)
- Application Deadline: October 25, 2021
- Installation Start Date: November 1, 2021
- Projected completion: November 27, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Special Service Area #61 (SSA #61) and Downtown Hyde Park Chicago (DTHP) are seeking community-driven artists to activate spaces near the railroad underpass (viaducts) located adjacent to 1601 E 53rd Street and 1601 E 55th in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. This mural project aims to highlight Hyde Park's diversity, in particular its businesses (retail, services, restaurants), people (ethnic/cultural mix, 40% white, 30% Black, 15% Asian, 10% Hispanic), places (beyond the University of Chicago and the Museum of Science and Industry), or nature (flora/fauna, parks, gardens, open spaces). The murals will be unveiled on Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

For residents and visitors alike, Downtown Hyde Park is not simply a commercial corridor found in any Chicago neighborhood... Downtown Hyde Park is its own small town – embracing and supporting a rich blend of shopping, dining, cultural attractions, and business services – that invites those who walk its streets to experience the neighborhood's storied history of eclecticism, warmth, and individuality. The two proposed murals will highlight these elements of Downtown Hyde Park, in tandem with the launch of the Shop Local and Small Business Saturday holiday events.



ARTIST PROFILE:

Project partners are seeking artist candidates with the following:

1. Public art installation experience, in particular painted murals.
2. Working geography: South Side of Chicago—especially familiarity with Hyde Park and direct experience either living or working in the area.
3. Community driven or oriented artist practice preferred.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Both individual and collaborative proposals are welcome; however, one artist may be chosen for both walls. Budget will be approximately \$5,000 for each mural.

TO APPLY:

Fill out the online submission form by 5:00pm on Monday October 25, 2021, for consideration:

<https://forms.gle/gFh4mX5JK5MJQE8a8>

Questions can be directed to Diane Burnham at diane@secc-chicago.org

CURRENT SITE PHOTOS:

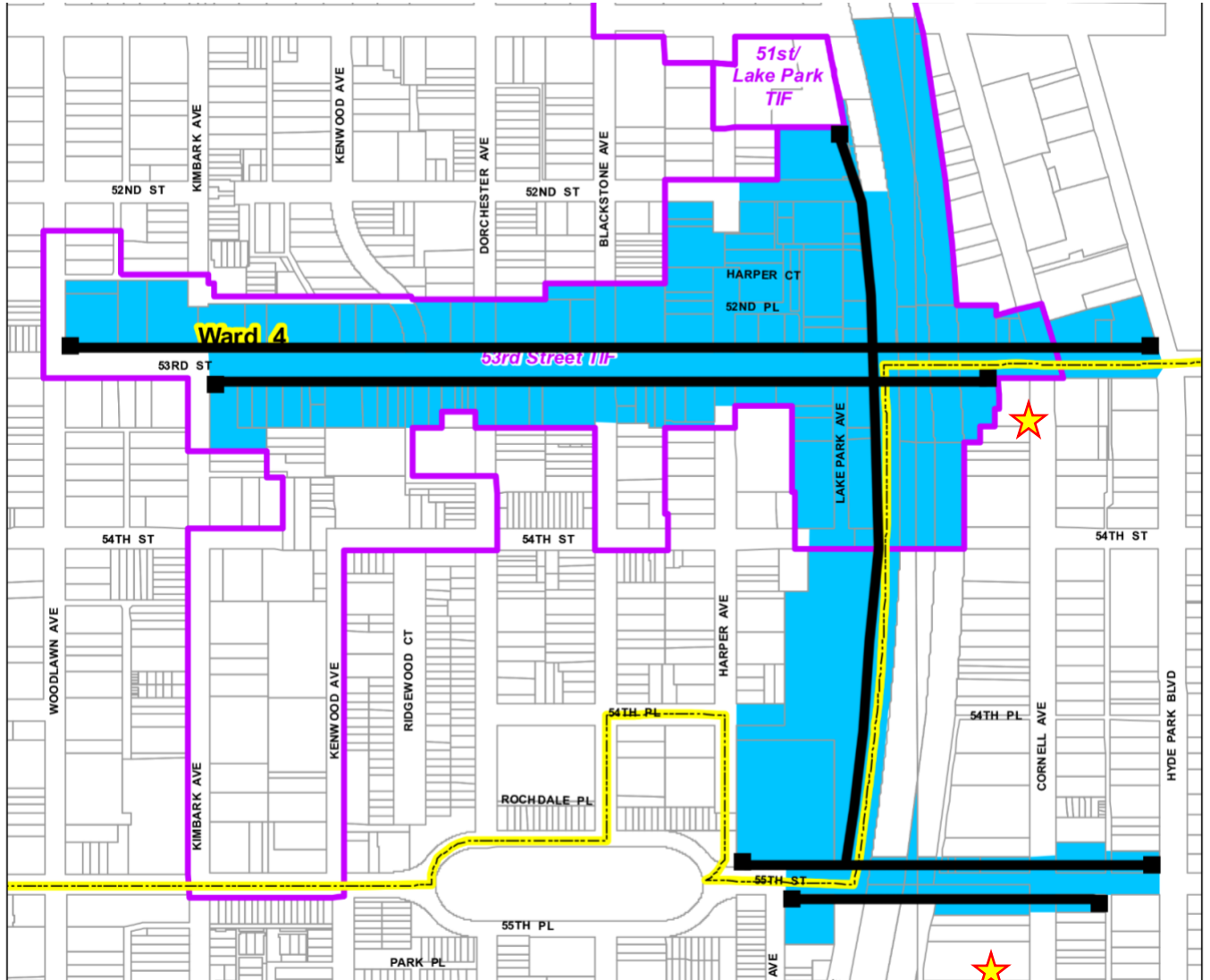


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Blue Area Shows Footprint of Special Service Area #61 Hyde Park
[Yellow Stars Show Mural Locations]



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