Test Sites Application

About Test Sites

Thank you for your interest in the Test Sites Program.

In 2025, the program will support up to five artists to develop and test a new public art project idea. Artists will be supported through a series of intensive workshops, plus mentor support to assist with creative development and project management.

Test Sites is not designed to support the production and delivery of a resolved public art project.

Applicants are to complete an estimated budget of between $10,000 to $20,000 towards the development and testing of their public art project idea.

This iteration of Test Sites considers the Public Art Framework 2021-2031.

Applications for the Test Sites program follow the schedule below.

1. Complete Test Sites Application Form.
2. Applications are assessed within 1-2 weeks of the closing date of the round.
3. Shortlisted applicants are selected and attend an interview
4. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified

If you have any questions about Test Sites, please refer to the guidelines

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant name and main contact *

Title   First Name   Last Name

Pronouns

Address *
Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Email *

Must be an email address

Phone or Mobile Number *

Must be an Australian phone number

Are you applying as an individual artist? *

If no, please add the names of the other artists in your team.

Word count:
Must be no more than 50 words.

Application

* indicates a required field

Project Title *

Tell us about your public art project idea? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

What aspect of this project do you want to test in the public realm? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

What site in the City of Melbourne municipality do you want this project test to take place? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 50 words.

How does your project relate to and consider your proposed site? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

What equipment, materials or logistics will be used to test your project? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

How will the public experiment and engage with your project test? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

Please attach your CV *
Attach a file:

Link to support material (if applicable)

Must be a URL.

Please indicate where your practice is currently. See Guidelines for definitions of each category. *
☐   Early/mid-career
☐   Professional
☐   Established
☐ Other:

Budget

What is the estimated budget of between $10,000 to $20,000 you require to develop and test your project? e.g. artist fee (base this on NAVA Public Artist Rates), fabrication, materials, collaborators, contingency 10%, etc. Please itemise each category in the table below.

If you are selected, your budget will need to be agreed between City of Melbourne and yourself and support will be provided to finalise your budget.

Expenditure	$

Budget Total

Total Expenditure Amount *

This number/amount is calculated.

Program Details

I agree to the following if I am selected for this program *

☐ I can test my project (for a period of a minimum of 1 week) between May - September 2025

☐ I can attend 3 x 1 day workshops (9.30am - 4.30pm) in-person on Sat 8 Feb, Sat 15 Feb and Sat 11 Oct, 2025

☐ I understand that the documentation of my project may be used for the promotion of Test Sites in the future.

Funding Disclosure

Are you currently receiving funding or financial support from another City of Melbourne Program *

If yes, which program are you receiving funding from?

If yes, is this funding for this project?

Data Collection

* indicates a required field

The following information is collected for the purpose of evaluating and improving our programs.

The responses you give to these questions have no bearing on the outcome of your application.

To what gender identity do you most identify? *
- ○ Female
- ○ Male
- ○ Transgender male
- ○ Transgender female
- ○ Gender variant / non-conforming
- ○ Prefer not to answer

Which age bracket do you belong to? *
- ○ 18 - 24
- ○ 25 - 34
- ○ 35 - 44
- ○ 45 - 55
- ○ 56 - 64
- ○ 65+

Does anyone in your project group identify as: *
- ☐ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD)
- ☐ A person living with a disability
- ☐ A person from regional or remote communities
- ☐ LGBTQI - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex
- ☐ None of the above

Communications

How did you find out about Test Sites? *

- ☐ City of Melbourne Website
- ☐ Arts Hub
- ☐ Public Art Melbourne Facebook
- ☐ Public Art Melbourne Instagram
- ☐ Other social media
- ☐ Internet search / Google
- ☐ I'm a previous applicant / recipient
- ☐ Public Art Melbourne e-news
- ☐ Word of mouth / Referral
- ☐ Other:

Do you have any feedback about the Test Sites application process?

Acknowledgement

* indicates a required field

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the Test Sites Guidelines and am familiar with the information relevant to my application.

Disclaimer

The City of Melbourne (Council) reserves the right to alter, cancel or abandon any or all aspects of the Program without notice and in its absolute discretion. Council does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage, however caused (including through negligence), which a Participant may directly or indirectly suffer in connection with their participation in the Program, nor does Council accept any responsibility for any such loss arising out of a Participant's use of or reliance on information contained in the Test Sites Guidelines or Application forms.

Indemnity

The Participant agrees to indemnify and to keep indemnified the Council, its servants and agents, and each of them from and against all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses, penalties, demands and damages whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them, or any of them, arising from the Participant's participation in the Test Sites Program.

Privacy Policy

The Council is committed to protecting your privacy. The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Council for the purpose of the Program or any other directly related purpose. It will not be disclosed to any other external party without your consent, unless required or authorised by law. If the personal information is not collected, the participant will not be allowed to submit their application.

I agree *

○ Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Date *