

July 9, 2026

Calling All Artists: Leefort Terrace – Publicly Accessible Open Space Art Installation

Through Beacon Communities' redevelopment of Leefort Terrace in Salem, MA, not only will 124 new climate resilient, sustainable, and affordable apartments be created, but so will an attractive and inviting publicly accessible open space bordering scenic Collins Cove. In this space, there are two locations available for one or two permanent public art installations to be displayed.

Incorporating public art into the publicly accessible open space at Leefort Terrace is in an effort to complement other public art on Collins Cove, and further accentuate the creative and distinct character of Leefort Terrace, the Salem Neck neighborhood, and broader Salem community.

One artist will be selected to showcase their artistic skills and make an enduring contribution to the broader Salem community, which will be experienced by multiple generations of Leefort and Salem residents, as well as many visitors. The development team would prefer a public art piece(s) that reflects:

- the coastal, historic nature of Salem and enhances
- the beautiful, natural passive park where it will be displayed, situated within numerous rain gardens, meadow grasses and native plantings along with shaded places to rest and enjoy the coastal setting
- climate resiliency and/or positive ways to address climate change through natural landscapes and the built environment

Deadline for Applications: Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 11:59pm

Notification of Selection: August 13, 2026

Deadline for Installation: November 13, 2026

Details and Info

Who can Apply?: Anyone may apply. Students are also encouraged to apply. Artists may come from anywhere, but preference will be given to local artists.

Timeframe: Following the review of all applications and the selection of artists, it is anticipated that artwork will be produced and ready for installation by November 13, 2026.

Awards: The selected artist will be provided with \$50,000 total to be used towards the creation and installation of one project or two art projects.

Dimensions: There is one available location for a public art installation. The art installation must have a footprint between 6' x 6', and 8' x 8', and stand between 6' and 8' tall. Applicants should indicate in their application which of the possible public art locations included in the attached diagram they would propose for their artwork to be installed.

Materials: Due to the close proximity to the ocean, artists are encouraged to use resilient, sustainable and environmentally conscious materials. Examples of possible materials could include driftwood, stone, and plants.

Finished Art Installation: The art installation will be owned by Leefort Terrace and permanently displayed year-round in its respective location within the publicly accessible open space at Leefort Terrace.

Submission Requirements & Review Criteria:

Artists will be asked to submit:

- Brief biographical statement
- CV or Artist Resume
- 3-5 relevant examples of past work
- A brief descriptive statement about the proposed art installation
 - o Number of art pieces created- 1 or 2
 - o Location chosen for the piece(s) based on options provided in the site plan
 - o Dimensions
 - o Materials
 - o Where materials will be sourced
 - o Estimated **all-in** production cost (time, efforts, transportation, materials, installation)
- A rendering of the art installation
- A minimum of one art installation proposal and maximum of two

Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- High Artistic Merit
- Originality and Composition of the Work
- Suitability for a Supportive and Coastal Environment
- Use of resilient, sustainable, and environmentally conscious materials

Applications will be considered ineligible if they involve:

- A breach of intellectual property rights (i.e., somebody else's ideas or imagery)
- Trademarks, brand or business names, logos or copyrighted images
- Anything that is harmful to a third party
- Anything containing nudity or overtly Halloween themed
- Submitted after the deadline here within

Applications are to be submitted:

- Via email to Calvin Anton canton@beaconcommunitiesllc.com with a subject line that includes "Leefort Terrace Art RFP Last Name_First Name_"
- Please submit all documents combined into a singular .PDF file

Rules of Award: Submissions will be reviewed by Beacon Communities. Artists will be notified of results via email on August 13, 2026. The selected artist will be required to sign a contract with Beacon Communities and produce a piece of artwork that will be installed within ten weeks of the notification of execution of the contract, and no later than November 13, 2026.

Attachments:

Site Plan

Leefort Terrace- Past and Present presentation

About Beacon Communities

Beacon Communities LLC's team of highly experienced residential real estate professionals develop, own, and manage over 20,000 apartments across more than 160 communities throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and the Mid-Atlantic. We have a proud forty-plus year history of building and managing award-winning residential communities that serve a diverse cross-section of society and make enduring contributions to the cities and towns where they are located. Learn more here:

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