

Call for Artists!

The Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNC) is seeking artists of color and/or Native artists of the Twin Cities to partner in creating a project that transforms the Spring Street viaduct (or area surrounding) into a welcoming entrance to the Beltrami neighborhood.

The Beltrami neighborhood and park are named after Giacomo Constantino Beltrami, an early 19th century Italian jurist, scholar, and explorer. Large tracts of industrial land cover the southwestern part of the neighborhood, while the remaining land is dedicated to single-family dwellings and duplexes interspersed with low-rise multifamily buildings. Originally home to a large population of Italian-Americans, Beltrami is now home to a approximately 1,200 culturally and ethnically diverse residents.

Spring Street Viaduct:

The Spring Street viaduct, located on Spring Street NE between Harrison St NE and Polk St NE, is an entrance to the Beltrami neighborhood of Northeast Minneapolis. Many pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles use this entrance to access the neighborhood from Central Avenue NE and to access the restaurants on Harrison (Lush, Domo, Legends, Eli's). The viaduct is unwelcoming and in poor condition, with crumbling concrete, poor lighting, potholes, etc. The bridge and vacant property on the south side of Spring Street are owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and the road is maintained by the City of Minneapolis. Surrounding property is owned privately. Prospective artist partners should consider the property ownership when developing a project concept. The BNC recognizes the many stakeholders as both a challenge and an opportunity.

The BNC believes that an artist or artist team may hold the vision to improving the viaduct through art. We hope the viaduct can be a more welcoming and interesting point of access to our neighborhood.

See attachment for map and photos of the viaduct.

Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (ANPI) Grant Program:

With an artist/artist team partner, the BNC will support an application for the CURA's Artists Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (ANPI). The ANPI provides small grants to artists of color and Native artists working in neighborhoods of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the surrounding suburbs. ANPI grants recognize the valuable role that artists and the arts play in neighborhood revitalization efforts and are intended to support the leadership of artists in these efforts. This grant program is particularly focused on directly funding individual artists or groups of artists who are working to build a more equitable Twin Cities.

The goal of the program is to identify and support compelling projects that artists have developed in response to their community's specific challenges and opportunities.

ANPI Requirements:

- Projects must demonstrate a clear commitment to a neighborhood or place, as shown by the relationship between that place's community and the project's development process and focus.
- The request for proposals is open to individual artists of color and Native artists, or artist teams.
- Organizations may not apply, although they may partner with an artist or artist team who is leading the project.
- Proposals will be accepted until March 1, 2017.
- CURA staff, with support from outside artists and arts leaders, will make final decisions in March 2017.
- Maximum grant award of \$15,000/project.

More information on ANPI:

<http://www.cura.umn.edu/news/artist-neighborhood-partnership-initiative-small-grant-program-request-proposals>

Partner Submissions:

If you are interested in partnering with the BNC in applying for the ANPI, please send the following materials to office@discoverbeltrami.org:

- Letter of interest
- Your vision (project description)
- Supporting visual
- Resume highlighting relevant past projects
- Work samples

Evaluation of Partner Submissions:

The BNC will evaluate partners based on project viability, neighborhood fit, and artist experience.

Deadlines:

The BNC is seeking an artist/artist team partner by **February 17th** and will support the development of a grant proposal for ANPI, due March 1st. We welcome questions, phone calls, and conversations prior to the deadline.

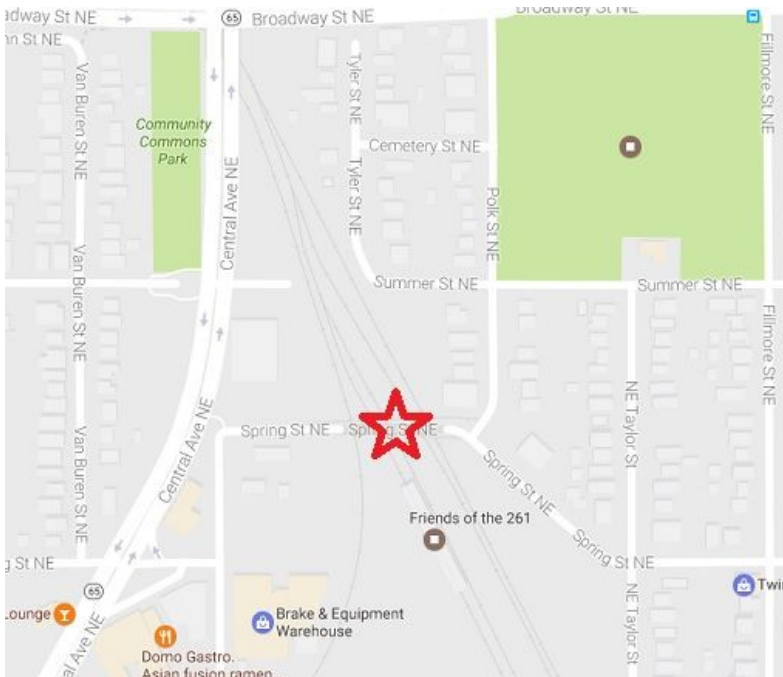
Partner submissions will be evaluated February 18-19 and meetings with selected partners will occur the week of February 20th.

Contact Information:

Questions? Call or email Vanessa at 612-229-8480, office@discoverbeltrami.org

ATTACHMENT

Spring Street Viaduct Location & Photos



Viaduct Interior



West side of viaduct



East side of viaduct

