



ART SHANTY PROJECTS

2024 Medic Contracted Services Request

About Art Shanty Projects

Mission: Art Shanty Projects intentionally creates an impermanent art village on Minnesota lake ice amid changing climate and environment. With a spirit of embracing challenges through creativity, we support an ecosystem that inspires everyone to create and participate in art, thrive in winter, and build community.

Since 2004 Art Shanty Projects has created joyful winter art experiences for people of all ages. Inspired by pop-up ice fishing villages, artists use the frozen lake as a space to build a temporary community, immersing visitors in a colorful village filled with interactive installations and performances. With few regulations and no building codes — and against intense and unpredictable winter weather conditions — artists of all career stages have the freedom and challenge to create wild and wonderful work that can't be experienced anywhere else. Together, with tens of thousands of annual visitors, we celebrate, champion, and embrace the extreme winter sport of art making.

Art Shanty Projects is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a creative, supportive, and joyful community both on and off the ice in Minnesota. We accomplish this through art and relationship-building, as well as an ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Services Requested

Provide friendly, active presence and competent on-site first aid response for thousands attending this winter art festival to take place on frozen Bdé Umáñ/Lake Harriet. Daily attendance averages 2000-4000, 8000+ on KiteFest day. Audience is intergenerational! Expect all ages.

Most common issues requiring assessment and assistance: cold extremities, bumps/bruises resulting from slips on the ice.

Desirable skills and experience

- CPR and First Aid certification
- Experience working festivals and/or special events with large, diverse crowds
- Familiarity and comfort with working outdoors in variable winter weather conditions
- Ability to calmly assist visitors and solve problems in the moment, amidst crowds
- Familiarity with or interest in Art Shanty Projects and/or public art programs

Compensation

- \$25/hour (\$150/day - 6 hours)

- Event parking pass
- Lunch and warm drinks
- Walkie for use during shift
- (Basic first aid supplies to be provided by contractor)

Event Dates

Saturdays and Sundays, Jan 20- Feb 11 10am-4pm

Bdé Umán / Lake Harriet in Minneapolis - 4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55409

Medics typically work four days of the festival, and are available as a backup for the other 4 days in the event another contractor becomes ill.

We are currently looking for someone available on the following dates:

- February 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th

COVID-19 Requirements

With abundant caution and care for our community, all contracted festival staff must show proof of vaccination (including boosters, as applicable) and be prepared to wear a mask if the team collectively determines it's necessary during the shifting state of the pandemic. Masks will likely be required in indoor, back of house, and warming spaces and recommended in outdoor public crowds.

Art Shanty Projects is deeply committed to social, racial, gender, and economic justice. We strongly encourage people of color, Black and Indigenous folks, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, and those who are unemployed or underemployed to apply.