



Canalway is seeking artists to create lanterns from recycled materials for the fourth annual Towpath Trail Lantern Parade hosted by Canalway on **March 8, 2025 at 6 PM**. This spring forward stroll invites Clevelanders to craft lanterns out of recycled materials and join local artists like you to welcome spring to the banks of the Cuyahoga River.

### **About Canalway**

Canalway Partners is a non-profit cultural heritage organization that preserves natural and cultural experiences of the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area for the future and connect people to place for the prosperity of all.

### **About the Lantern Parade**

The Towpath Trail Lantern Parade on March 8, 2025 is a celebration of light, creativity and sustainability welcoming spring to the banks of the Cuyahoga River. All are welcome to participate in the parade by creating a lantern from recycled materials and a battery powered light. The parade will start and end at Sokolowski's Overlook and include a 1.4 mile roundtrip along the Towpath Trail. The goal of this event is to connect participants to the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail, spotlight local artists, and encourage sustainability.

### **Request for Artists – Towpath Trail Lantern Parade**

#### **Scope of Project:**

- Make a large-scale lantern using a majority of recycled materials.
  - Lanterns will be on the theme of nature, environmentalism, spring or other themes that meet our mission. We are open to hearing your ideas for a theme and its potential connection to Canalway and the Lantern Parade.
  - Lanterns will include framework that allows it to be carried, by no more than 3 people. Artist are asked to provide their own carrying assistance if more than one person is required.
  - Completed lanterns must be a minimum of 24 inches.
  - Lanterns are to be lit by battery or solar powered lights. No candles or flames are permitted.
  - Lanterns may be kinetic but not motorized.
- Artists are required to attend the event and carry their lantern in the parade on **March 8 from 5:30 PM** until the end of the event (approximately 8 PM). The parade will begin on the Towpath Trail at the Sokolowski's Overlook, with parking at 1429 Abbey Ave, and include a 1.4 mile walk (total). Please let us know if you require any special accommodations to participate physically in this event.
- At the event, artist are encouraged to engage with community members, discuss their lantern and will act as judges in our community lantern contest.





- Artists may be invited to participate in a media campaign that includes press releases, paid and organic social media posts, and email communications with 14,000+ subscribers.
- Artists will be asked to provide a 100 word description of their lantern prior to the event for promotion.
- Artists will receive a stipend of \$300 that will be paid upon arrival at the event. Artists will be provided information to submit the invoice and W-9.

**Submission details:**

To be considered, submit the following information as an email to [meghan@canalwaypartners.com](mailto:meghan@canalwaypartners.com) and please include:

- Short artist bio and statement referencing why you are a good fit for this project or an idea you have for creating a lantern (Max 300 words).
- A link to a portfolio or images of 2 examples of work created in the last 5 years
- Please include relevant phone number and links to social media profiles if applicable.

**Submissions due Jan. 3, 2025.** Selected artists will be notified by Jan. 17, 2025.