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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Sam "Uncle Bud" Dunlap Commemorative Statue
Issued by OnebodyEnt

Project Overview



OnebodyEnt invites qualified artists, sculptors, and artist-led teams to submit proposals for the design and creation of a life-size statue honoring Sam "Uncle Bud" Dunlap in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This project seeks an artist who understands the responsibility of translating a beloved community member's life and legacy into a lasting public tribute. The finished work should capture both Sam's likeness and the humanity that made him meaningful to those who knew him, while introducing his legacy to future generations.

OnebodyEnt's preference is for a single artist or coordinated team to lead the project from design through fabrication and delivery, with installation responsibilities clearly defined. Proposals should present a thoughtful artistic approach, relevant experience, an itemized budget, and a realistic completion schedule.

The Legacy Behind the Project

Sam "Uncle Bud" Dunlap holds a special place in the history and community life of Colorado Springs. His influence as a coach and community figure, particularly on the city's Southside, is still remembered through the people and community efforts he inspired. The Sam Dunlap Wall of Inspiration carries that legacy forward by recognizing others whose service and leadership have strengthened the community.

The proposed statue builds upon this effort to preserve local history and celebrate the people who shape it. It should offer those who knew Sam a meaningful point of recognition and give those encountering his story for the first time a reason to learn more.

For the family, community members, and project organizers, getting this tribute right matters deeply. Artistic quality, an authentic likeness, and sensitivity to the person being honored will be central to the commission.

Artistic Direction and Scale

The envisioned work is a recognizable, life-size figurative sculpture of Sam Dunlap, using his approximately **5-foot-7-inch standing height** as the scale reference. The base or pedestal should be considered separately from the figure's dimensions.

Artists are invited to recommend a pose, expression, attire, and overall treatment that communicate Sam's character and legacy. The final representation will be developed in consultation with OnebodyEnt and designated family and project representatives.

Photographs, biographical information, community recollections, and available concept renderings will support the design process. Preliminary renderings should be treated as discussion references rather than approved fabrication drawings.

Proposals should explain:

- How the artist will develop an accurate and meaningful likeness
- How the proposed artistic approach reflects Sam's story
- Recommended materials, finishes, and fabrication methods
- Proposed dimensions for the figure and base
- Durability, maintenance needs, and suitability for long-term public display

Location and Installation Considerations

The final installation location has not yet been determined. Although the statue is connected to the broader Sam Dunlap Wall of Inspiration initiative, artists should not assume a confirmed location adjacent to the wall.

The sculpture should have a strong presence as a freestanding work and allow reasonable flexibility in its eventual placement. Proposals should identify any site conditions that would materially affect the design, cost, or installation.

For initial estimating purposes, artists should describe requirements for outdoor display in Colorado Springs, including weather exposure, anchoring, foundation support, and public interaction. Final engineering, base design, and installation arrangements will be coordinated once the site is confirmed.

Site-dependent costs may be presented as clearly identified allowances or estimates, with assumptions and exclusions explained.

Scope of Services

The selected artist or team will be expected to address the following:

1. **Project consultation and research.** Review reference materials and meet with designated project and family representatives to understand Sam's likeness, life, and significance.
2. **Concept development.** Prepare drawings, renderings, or a model sufficient to evaluate the proposed sculpture, materials, dimensions, and base treatment.
3. **Design refinement and approval.** Incorporate agreed feedback and obtain written approval before proceeding to fabrication. Identify the review stages and number of revisions included in the proposal.

4. **Fabrication.** Produce the approved sculpture and coordinate any foundry, fabricator, or specialist services required.
5. **Base and installation planning.** Provide base and anchoring recommendations and identify necessary engineering, site preparation, equipment, and installation support.
6. **Delivery and installation coordination.** Describe responsibility for packing, transportation, insurance during transit, unloading, installation, and final inspection.
7. **Closeout and care.** Provide maintenance instructions, material and finish specifications, warranty information, and photographs of the completed work.

Artists should clearly identify services they will perform directly, services provided through partners, and responsibilities they expect OnebodyEnt or the site owner to assume.

Proposal Requirements

Please submit a proposal containing:

- **Artist or team introduction:** Contact information, qualifications, relevant experience, and the roles of proposed collaborators.
- **Statement of interest:** Why this commission is meaningful to the artist and how they would approach representing Sam Dunlap.
- **Preliminary concept:** A written description and any supporting sketches or existing work examples that communicate the proposed direction. A fully developed model is not required for the initial submission.
- **Portfolio:** Examples of comparable figurative, portrait, memorial, or public sculpture, identifying materials, dimensions, completion dates, and the artist's role.
- **Work plan and schedule:** Estimated time from authorization to proceed through design, approvals, fabrication, delivery, and installation.
- **Itemized budget:** Costs and assumptions as described below.
- **References:** Contact information for two clients associated with comparable completed projects.
- **Maintenance and warranty information:** Anticipated care requirements and proposed coverage for workmanship and materials.

Budget and Pricing

This request seeks proposals that will help OnebodyEnt establish a realistic commission budget and compare available artistic and fabrication approaches.

Please distinguish costs for design, models, fabrication, materials, foundry services, base or pedestal, engineering, transportation, installation, travel, applicable taxes, and contingency. Identify any excluded costs or services that would require separate contracting.

Proposals should also state the requested payment schedule, how long pricing will remain valid, and any conditions that could change the price. Where appropriate, artists may offer clearly priced alternatives and explain their implications for appearance, durability, maintenance, or schedule.

Review and Selection

OnebodyEnt anticipates reviewing proposals with designated project and family representatives. Consideration will include:

- Artistic quality and demonstrated ability to create a compelling likeness.
- Understanding of Sam Dunlap's legacy and the purpose of the commission.
- Relevant experience and quality of completed work.
- Willingness to collaborate and respond to feedback.
- Feasibility of the proposed materials, fabrication process, and schedule.
- Completeness, clarity, and overall value of the proposed budget.

Shortlisted artists may be invited to discuss their proposals and clarify scope or pricing. Any request for substantial additional design work will be addressed separately, including compensation where applicable.

Submission and Next Steps

Submit proposals electronically in PDF format to **Dee Smith (mr.dsmith719@gmail.com)** by **Tuesday, December 15, 2026**, using the subject line **"Sam Dunlap Statue Proposal – [Artist/Team Name]."**

Questions may be directed to **Dee Smith (mr.dsmith719@gmail.com)**. Reference materials and any clarifications will be made available through this link.

The final scope, schedule, payment milestones, approval process, ownership and image-use arrangements, and installation responsibilities will be established in a written agreement with the selected artist. Commissioning and fabrication will depend on confirmed funding and required approvals.

OnebodyEnt welcomes proposals that approach this work with care, craftsmanship, and a clear understanding of its enduring significance to Sam Dunlap's family and community.