

The Art of the Game Legacy Program



Second Call for Legacy Partners

Host a Permanent Legacy Piece of the FIFA World Cup 2026™

ARTS 14C, in partnership with the New York New Jersey Host Committee for the 2026 World Cup, invites municipalities, counties, parks, universities, museums, cultural institutions, and other public-serving organizations to apply to become permanent homes for one of the monumental sculptures created for **The Art of the Game**, the official public art initiative celebrating the FIFA World Cup 2026™.

Following a successful first round of applications, an initial group of Legacy Partners has been selected to receive sculptures. **Additional sculptures remain available, and ARTS 14C is now accepting a second round of applications** from organizations throughout New York and New Jersey interested in providing permanent, publicly accessible homes for these works.

These six-foot-diameter, artist-designed soccer ball sculptures, created by internationally recognized contemporary artists, were exhibited throughout New York City and New Jersey during the FIFA World Cup as part of one of the region's largest public art initiatives.

Through the Legacy Program, selected sculptures will be placed in permanent public locations where they can continue to inspire residents and visitors for generations.

With the base, each sculpture stands approximately seven feet high and weighs approximately 850 pounds. For permanent placement, sculptures must be secured with bolts in accordance with anchorage specifications provided by ARTS 14C. Sculpture images and anchorage details can be accessed [here](#).

The sculptures will be donated and installed by ARTS 14C at no charge to selected Legacy Partners. Hosts are responsible for required site preparation, insurance, and long-term stewardship.

Program Goals

The Legacy Program seeks to:

- Expand public access to world-class contemporary art.
- Create lasting cultural landmarks throughout New York and New Jersey.
- Celebrate the enduring legacy of the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- Encourage community engagement through accessible public art.
- Strengthen civic identity through placemaking and cultural investment.

Eligible Applicants

Applications are welcome from:

- Municipal governments
- County governments
- Public parks and park conservancies
- Universities and colleges
- Museums

- Botanical gardens
- Cultural institutions
- Public libraries
- Transportation authorities
- Waterfront organizations
- Other nonprofit or public-serving organizations with accessible outdoor spaces

Host Responsibilities

Selected Legacy Partners agree to:

- Provide a prominent, publicly accessible installation site.
- Prepare the site in accordance with installation specifications provided by ARTS 14C.
- Assume responsibility for long-term stewardship and routine maintenance.
- Maintain appropriate insurance for the sculpture once installed.
- Preserve the integrity of the sculpture and associated artist credit.
- Notify ARTS 14C before relocating or deaccessioning the sculpture.

Application Requirements

Applications should include the following:

Organization Information

- Organization name
- Primary contact
- Address
- Website

Proposed Installation Site

Please describe:

- Location
- Public accessibility
- Estimated annual visitation
- Dimensions of available space
- Site map

Community Impact

Please describe:

- Why your municipality or organization wishes to host a sculpture
- How the sculpture aligns with existing public art and/or sports programs
- Anticipated educational or community programming
- Expected public benefit

Stewardship Plan

Please explain:

- Security considerations
- Landscape and environmental conditions
- Long-term commitment to preserving the sculpture

Installation

Please indicate:

- Desired installation timeline
- Any existing foundations or prepared installation areas
- Accessibility considerations, including curb cuts, ramps, or other conditions that may affect delivery and installation
- Preference, if any, for a specific artist or sculpture

Applicants may indicate a preference for a specific artist or sculpture. **ARTS 14C will make every effort to accommodate preferences, subject to availability.**

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Public visibility and accessibility
- Long-term stewardship commitment
- Community impact
- Suitability of the proposed installation site

Second Round Timeline

Second Round Applications Open: Now

Second Round Submission Deadline: September 30, 2026

Legacy Partner Notifications: Beginning in October 2026

Installations: Beginning September 24, 2026, with additional installations continuing on a rolling basis

Submission

Please submit applications electronically to info@arts14c.org with “**The Art of the Game Legacy Program Application**” in the subject line. Sculpture images and anchorage details can be [accessed here](#).

Questions may be directed to:

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