REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ("RFP") FOR A MEMORIAL TO THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOTSHOTS

GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOTSHOTS MEMORIAL PARTNERSHIP
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Vision and Mission of the Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Partnership

**Vision:**
To create a lasting memorial that will stand prominently in Prescott as a testament to the honorable service given and ultimate sacrifice made by the 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots.

**Mission:**
To serve as an independent organization that solicits input using an inclusive process in order to commission a just and lasting memorial to the fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots.
The Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshots (“GMHS”), based in the City of Prescott, Arizona, also known as “Crew 7” in the off season, was an elite group of men dedicated to the preservation of life and property in the forest and its surrounding communities. Best known for being the first municipal interagency hotshot crew in the nation, the GMHS was considered one of the best wildland firefighting units ever assembled. As Crew 7, they treated hundreds of acres of land throughout the greater Prescott area. Through the “Firewise” program, they helped create “defensible space” in 16 different subdivisions. Their proud motto was “Esse Quam Videri”; translation - “To be, rather than to seem”.

Background
On June 30, 2013, 19 members of the GMHS crew lost their lives when the Yarnell Hill Fire they were battling overran them. It is the deadliest wildland fire in the history of Arizona and the greatest loss of firefighter lives since 9/11. Less than two weeks earlier, the GMHS crew was an integral part of successfully saving two subdivisions in the Prescott area from the “Doce Fire” and, in the process, saved an infamous two thousand-year-old alligator juniper tree in the Granite Mountain area just west of Prescott.
The City of Prescott endorsed the Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Partnership ("GMHMP"), an Arizona nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and classified as a public charity, as the designated organization to select and commission a memorial.
Background cont’d

The GMHMP was established to commission a physical memorial, in an accessible and central location in the City of Prescott, that will help ensure that the sacrifice, bravery and dedication of the 19 Hotshots will be remembered by current and future residents and visitors for generations to come. The memorial to be commissioned by the GMHMP is separate and distinct from any other memorial currently established or planned.
The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors approved an area approximately 20’ x 20’ in size on the southeast corner of the Yavapai County Courthouse square for the memorial.
Background cont’d
GMHMP seeks proposals for a memorial to the Granite Mountain Hotshots on the Yavapai County Courthouse square in Prescott, Arizona.

**Primary Focus –**

The memorial’s primary focus will be a sculptural statement of bronze or granite or a combination of both.

**Secondary Focus –**

The memorial’s secondary focus will be the integration of components surrounding the sculptural statement, i.e. landscape, interactive elements, seating options, pathway options, etc.
Community Perspective and Design Specifications

The GMHMP solicited community input to identify key elements from their perspective. After thorough review of the input received, the GMHMP Board of Directors identified the following visual and conceptual ideas which may be considered for integration into the overall memorial:

Written and Personal Information

- The story of the June 30, 2013, tragedy
- The GMHS motto: *Esse Quam Videri* – “To be, rather than to seem”
- **Names and biographical or narrative information** (may include etchings) for each of the 19 Hotshots

Visual Symbols/Imagery

- Historic Alligator Juniper Tree on Granite Mountain
- Granite Mountain (silhouette or 3-dimensional)
- Wildland firefighter hand-carried equipment, i.e. boots, helmet
- The importance of the number 19
- Etching of “pyramid” photo taken by Eric Marsh of crew on Granite Mountain

Elements

- Incorporation of both bronze and granite elements in the design
- The ability to physically and emotionally touch/feel/connect with the memorial

Nothing contained in the visual and conceptual ideas of any submission will limit GMHMP’s ability to implement or integrate any of the Written Personal Information, Elements or Visual Symbols/Imagery referenced herein in the manner it deems fit.
Design Requirements

• The memorial will be located on the Yavapai County Courthouse square in downtown Prescott, Arizona, on the southeast corner. The selected site for consideration is depicted on Attachment A and will measure approximately 20’ x 20’ in size, or the equivalent of approximately 400 square feet.

• The design should be architecturally and aesthetically compatible with the Yavapai County Courthouse. The surrounding square is a majestic, man-made urban forest in the heart of a historic commercial district and, for more than 140 years, has served as a gathering place for celebrations, commemorations, campaign kick-offs, concerts, movies, and festivals. The square is the setting for Solon Borglum’s Bucky O’Neill monument. The memorial should fit the setting and be integrated into the existing landscape and structures.

• The memorial’s design shall take into account foundation and installation requirements, including structural constraints. The memorial should be suitable to withstand and endure all types of weather and stress from outside forces. Any foundation should be able to safely support the memorial.

• The memorial should be designed and made of materials that are durable and will age well. The design should minimize future maintenance requirements and costs and allow for easy cleaning and resealing. The selected design will require the submittal of a detailed maintenance plan. The final memorial should be educational, accessible, and interactive, but not encourage people to climb on it or use it as a playground. The final installation should allow the memorial to be physically accessible to people of all abilities.

• The memorial will be the property of Yavapai County.
SCOPE OF SERVICES

All Applicants will:

• Submit a proposal to include the following:

• **Statement of Qualifications.** Please submit a statement of qualifications that clearly and accurately demonstrates the specialized knowledge and experience required for this project.

• **Relevant Project Experience.** Please provide descriptions of projects that applicant has executed. The projects described shall be similar in scope and complexity to the project described within this RFP.

• **Narrative Description.** Please submit a narrative description of the proposed memorial.

• **Illustrations/Conceptual Designs:** Additional visual support material and/or illustrations that depict the proposed memorial. Designs should display colors, dimensions, textures and materials, as applicable.

• **A self-addressed, stamped envelope** if you wish return of your materials.
EVALUATION PROCESS

Proposals may be reviewed by the City of Prescott and Yavapai County for compliance with the Design Requirements.

As part of the selection process, applicants may be contacted to answer questions or submit additional information regarding proposals submitted.

A selection committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors of GMHMP will review all proposals submitted.

Selection of semi-finalists will be based on:

1. Artistic merit as evidenced by representation of past work and other sample material submitted.
2. Appropriateness of design concept in terms of scale, form, content and materials.
3. Appropriateness of design solution for climate and site.
4. Ease of maintenance and safety.
5. Demonstrated ability to complete the project within the project schedule and resources.
Once a determination has been made by the selection committee, semi-finalists will be contacted with further instructions, which may include creation of the following with the assistance of a monetary honorarium:

- Site Specific 2-d Schematic Design
- 3-d Scale Model
- Implementation Schedule
- Project Narrative

Semi-finalists may be required present their proposals to GMHMP.

GMHMP will make the final selection but may request the assistance of a “blind” jury to evaluate proposals.

John Coleman, member of the Board of Directors of GMHMP, will not participate in the final selection in order to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.
The applicant selected will be required to:

1) maintain strict confidentiality of all oral, written and otherwise documented information pertaining to this project;
2) limit distribution of such information to only individuals necessary to prepare your proposal;
3) return all materials provided by GMHMP during the RFP process to GHMP within ten (10) calendar days of notification, if you are not selected; and
4) include an acknowledgement that all copies made have been destroyed.

If you are selected, do not distribute any project related information at any time, except as required to complete the project, without written permission or direction from GMHMP.
All proposals must be received by the GMHMP no later than 5:00 p.m. on 15th day of June, 2017.

Proposals will not be accepted after that time. Proposals should be mailed, postage paid, to either of the following addresses:

Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial Partnership
P.O. Box 4299
Prescott, Arizona 86302

Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial Partnership
239 South Cortez Street
Prescott, Arizona 86303

or submitted via e-mail to contact@gmhsmemorial.com.

While GMHMP has every intention to select an applicant, issuance of the RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the GMHMP to select an applicant and execute a contract. Upon a determination that such actions would be in its best interest, GMHMP, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

- Cancel or terminate this RFP;
- Reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP;
- Not award a contract, if it is in the GMHMP’s best interest not to proceed with contract execution; or
- If awarded, terminate any contract if the GMHMP determines adequate funds are not available.

If the RFP or contract is cancelled or terminated or all proposals rejected and a contract not awarded, GMHMP further reserves the right to proceed with the memorial at its sole discretion.
For Further Information

Questions should be directed via e-mail to: contact@gmhsmemorial.com