

Rancho Market mural project moving forward

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An ongoing community project to beautify Rancho Market in North Richmond is moving forward after receiving a neighborhood mini-grant from the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission.

Now, city officials are seeking five art apprentices who will work alongside Richmond-based artists Richard Muro Salazar and Agana Espinoza to help facilitate the mural's design with help from community members, and to install it at the market at 500 Market Ave.

In October, [a community Paint Party](#) was held at Rancho Market (see above video) as part of a partnership between Supervisor John Gioia's office and the city of Richmond's [Love Your Block initiative](#), with sponsorship by several local businesses.

The project's aim is to enhance safety and beauty of North Richmond's only non-alcohol selling grocer, which is centrally located and down the block from Verde Elementary.

The position of art apprentice will include a stipend and credit for the apprentice's work. It's a great opportunity for people who have some art background, or are interested in community-based visual arts, organizers said.

The deadline to apply is Friday Jan. 19th at 11:59 p.m. Priority consideration will be given to North Richmond residents.