

# STREAM 1

## THE PLACE



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An idea to make a new or existing public space (such as a plaza, street, sidewalk, laneway, parklet, or park) rain-friendly.

## GUIDELINES

Ideas for this stream should respond to the general scope of this stream, as well as the challenges and opportunities identified earlier in the Design Brief (including the *Principles for Rain-friendly Public Spaces* outlined in Appendix A). General considerations:



**Location** - The idea can be for a public space anywhere within the legal boundaries of the city of Vancouver;



**Typology** - The concept can be designed around a new or existing plaza, street, sidewalk, laneway, parklet, park, or other form of public (or publicly-accessible open space). (Exclusion: While the concept may include structural elements, the overarching design should not be for a new building);



**Size** - There are no specific size constraints; however concepts should be of a sufficient scale to support an array of public social and cultural activities, passive and active programming, and additional elements, as noted in the brief.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND FURTHER EVALUATION CRITERIA

Entries should aim to account for some or all of the following criteria:

- **Functional & Flexible** - Able to comfortably support a wide range of social and cultural activities and programming during periods of rain;
- **Adaptable** - Potential to be enjoyed during periods when it doesn't rain;
- **Elegant/beautiful** - Aesthetically pleasing; appealing to the senses; able to inspire delight;
- **Safe** - Ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing all of users;
- **All Ages & Abilities/Socially Inclusive** - Ensuring the space is accessible to a wide variety of potential users; encourage social inclusion and opportunities for social connection;
- **Sustainable** -Incorporating aspects of green design (e.g. to support wise use of storm-water, habitat enhancement, low-carbon, etc.).

## PRIZES

A total of eight prizes will be awarded in this stream, as follows:

	Jury Selection	People's Choice
First Prize	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Runner Up	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Youth (18 and under) - First Prize	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Youth (18 and under) - Runner-up	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>



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## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submissions should include the following:

- **Plan View** - one 11x17" board with (at least) one plan view showing your proposed idea for a rain-friendly public space;
- **Perspective View** - one 11x17" board with (at least) one perspective view of the idea and surrounding context;
- **Idea Statement** - maximum 250 words, that includes the name of the idea, a description of it, and additional details outlining how it responds to the competition goals, guidelines and criteria;
- **Completed Entry Form**



In Stream (1) **participants aged 18 and under** have the option of applying with reduced submission requirements, as follows:

1. One 11x17" board including:
  - An illustration of your idea
  - A maximum 100 word statement describing your idea for a rain-friendly public space
  - Please do not include your name on the board
2. Completed Entry Form

**Digital Submissions** - Please submit all materials as high-resolution PDF files. (Max size for all combined files is 25 MB).

**Mail or In-Person Submissions** - if you are unable to provide a digital version of your submission, paper copies of the required documents will be accepted by mail or in-person drop-off.

**IMPORTANT:** Please include a title on each board Items (1), (2), and (3), but not your names or organizational affiliation (if you are submitting on behalf of an organization).

If your entry is short-listed, you may be asked to submit a second version scaled for poster-size showcase purposes.



Files may be must be submitted in either digital format or paper copy through one of three means:

## DIGITAL

Digital entries for the three streams may be sent to [umbrellas@vancouverpublicspace.ca](mailto:umbrellas@vancouverpublicspace.ca). Please note the file and file size requirements identified for each stream.

## MAIL OR IN PERSON

Paper or digital copies can be mailed or dropped off in person at:

Life Between Umbrellas Competition  
c/o VIVA Vancouver, Street Activities  
320 - 507 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V5Z 0B4

Entries will be accepted in person at this address up to **5 pm on Monday, April 15, 2019**.

Please note that all mailed entries will need to be received no later than the competition deadline.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The competition is open to all – young and old, resident and non-resident, professional or “lay” designer - anyone interested in making public space more rain-friendly. While training in a field such as architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, planning, etc. may be helpful, professional affiliation is not required for this competition. Participants can enter individually or collaboratively.

**Restrictions:** The competition is not open to City of Vancouver elected officials or employees, or VPSN’s Board of Directors or Project leads.