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For: GRPM's *Anishinaabek: The Original People of this Place* Exhibit Grand Opening PowWow

Project Timeline:

- RFP Posted Online: May 15, 2026
- Submission Deadline: June 15, 2026
- Winner Announced: June 19, 2026
- PowWow Date: October 10, 2026

Winning Artist Prize: \$250

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OVERVIEW

The Grand Rapids Public Museum (GRPM) is seeking an **Indigenous artist** to design a logo for the *Anishinaabek: The Original People of this Place* Exhibit Grand Opening PowWow, which will take place from 6-9 pm on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The newly redesigned exhibit celebrates the history, culture, and ongoing presence of the Anishinaabek people of Michigan.

The *Anishinaabek: The Original People of This Place* Exhibit Grand Opening PowWow will feature food and craft vendors, and exclusive early access to the exhibit. The official opening for the public will be on Indigenous Peoples Day (Monday, October 12, 2026).

The selected winning logo will be printed on t-shirts, print and digital flyers, and other event merchandise and promotional materials. Once selected, the artwork will be the exclusive property of the GRPM to utilize. The selected winner will receive a cash prize of \$250.

DESIGN & SUBMISSION PARAMETERS

Designs must be the sole creation and exclusive work of Indigenous artists without the use or input of Artificial Intelligence (AI) of any kind. Detection of AI in any submitted artwork will immediately disqualify the submission without any further consideration. The artist must affirm that no other person is a creator or partial creator of the artwork.

The design must be approximately 10 inches x 10 inches, and must include the event name:
***Anishinaabek: The Original People of This Place* Exhibit Grand Opening PowWow.**

Design files will be accepted in the following formats: .pdf, .jpg, .png, .ai, .eps, or .svg.

Submissions will be accepted until Monday, June 15, 2026. Submissions will be reviewed by the PowWow Committee, and the winner will be announced on Friday, June 19, 2026.

Please send all submissions via email to Katrina Furman, Anishinaabe Curator: kfurman@grpm.org.

For more information about the exhibit, visit grpm.org/anishinaabek.