



Call for Artists Request for Proposals Public Parking Lot Art Project

Project Summary

The City of Grants Pass owns and maintains a series of public parking lots with a wildlife theme and has placed City-branded signage to improve access and utilization of our downtown parking lots and enhance the tourist experience. Adding public art created by local artists adds value to our community and helps make Grants Pass a cultural hub of Southern Oregon. As part of that effort, the City has committed to place art in each of the lots. The CoPA (Committee on Public Art) seeks to commission an art piece to be placed by June 30, 2023 at the Beaver Lot, located at the southwest corner of 7th and G Street.

Site Description

The Beaver Lot is located at 144 SE G Street on 7th Street across from the Duck Lot (2021-22 project completed). The proposed art piece(s) should reflect a beaver theme chosen for the lot, though other concepts may be considered.

There are several options for a proposed artwork and the committee is open to the artist suggestions. The art piece(s) should be placed on an appropriate base that meets all city codes and engineering requirements.

Historic District Code

The Beaver lot is located in within the Grants Pass historic district and any proposed artwork will comply with any applicable code and guidelines. The proposed artwork may be reviewed by the Historical Buildings and Sites Commission (HBSC) to ensure any proposal will meet historical guidelines. An example would be no art should change the character of a historic building. As this site is within the City's Historic District, no permanent changes can be made to surrounding buildings, and color palette may be limited (i.e. no neon colors).



Budget

The City of Grants Pass will fund the project. Proposals up to \$15,000 will be considered. Proposals must include a budget detailing material, project costs and artist fees. The total project cost must also include installation fees and any permits and or engineering needed to complete the installation. The City will cooperate with the selected artist for the development and placement of the base.

Artist Eligibility and Application

Proposals are solicited from professional artists. Proposals shall include renderings and complete description of the proposed art including installation requirements.

Applications should include a resume/curriculum vitae, a short biography, and a statement of interest regarding the project and the proposed site. Up to four examples of recent work should be included as prints or digital images. Proposals can be submitted in person, by standard mail or by e-mail. Questions regarding the project and the application can be directed to James Conway (contact information below).

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Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on **October 3, 2022**. The intention is to complete the project during the 2023 budget year ending on June 30, 2023.