



CITY OF GRANTS PASS

&
The Committee on Public Art (CoPA)



CALL FOR ARTISTS

INSPIRED BY WINGS A Collaborative Community Mural Project



Artist Stipend: \$2000

Opens: December 20, 2023

Closes: February 2, 2024

Start: Late March of 2024
(weather permitting)

Project Goals:

- ☒ Engage high school students, working w/each other and a professional artist
- ☒ Create a "selfie spot" or "Instagram-worthy" interactive public art mural
- ☒ Contemporary, current and local.
Resonate with our region, culture and City

The City is continuing to invest in the beautification of our community through engaging and vibrant public art. The Committee on Public Art (CoPA) is looking for an artist who can get the community involved.

Many cities have famous Wing Murals that bring locals and visitors from afar. These create a sense of "play" and joy that is fun and interactive for young and old.

The City of Grants Pass is looking for an artist who can coordinate this project with youth from four local high schools.
(See full "Call" for details, attached.)

Total Budget: \$3,500



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Collaborative Community Mural Project



Project Background/Summary

Many cities have a famous WING mural, inspiring tourists and locals to be photographed in front of the painting of outstretched wings. Attributed to Collete Miller (in 2012), and popularized by Kelsey Montague and Taylor Swift, the wings have taken many forms in various locations. Now, the City of Grants Pass seeks an “Instagram worthy” mural of our own. Through this project, called “Inspired by Wings,” the City and its Committee on Public Art (CoPa) would like the personalized contents of the mural’s wings to reflect our region, history, culture, and natural resources.

Goal: Selected students from four area high schools will meet with the chosen artist to research and brainstorm ideas. The artist will develop the finished design that will be painted by the team. We challenge our artist and high school students to create a wing-inspired mural that reflects our distinctive locale, history, and culture that comprise the fabric of our community. Artists are welcome to consider painting several murals at different heights that offer a variety of choices for interaction.

The City of Grants Pass and community partners like Republic Services are continuing to invest in the beautification of our community. The Inspired by Wings project furthers the City’s goal of creating a vibrant commercial district by enhancing downtown activities and safe spaces. The artist is asked to create site specific work(s) that create a sense of play and invoke interaction by the public. The Collaborative Community Mural Project is commissioned by the Committee on Public Art (CoPA) in partnership with the City of Grants Pass. The budget is \$3,500.

Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on February 2, 2024.

Criteria

For this project we are looking for a work that creates a sense of community, connection with others, and playfulness. We are interested in bringing new types of art and artistic experiences into the community. The desired element of the project is to feature a spot for “Instagram worthy” selfies.

Timeline

- Call for Mural Artist and Teacher Coordinator, December 20, 2023
- Deadline for applications February 2, 2024
- Planning and painting – Late March 2024 (weather permitting)

Artist and Teacher Coordinator

Artist: A professional artist who will work with eight area high school students to brainstorm, design, and create the finished art.

- Please provide a short statement of how you have worked with the community and/or students in a collaborative project.
- Submit a brief resume and samples of previous work.

Teacher Coordinator: An art teacher who will arrange for the selection of the students and manage the logistics of the project. This includes organizing the planning and painting meetings with the participants (artist and students), working with the artist to purchase materials, and participating in the painting event.

- Please provide a short statement of intent, as well as a brief resume.

Location & Size:

Location: To be determined (exterior wall of a building).

Size: To be determined by artist and community team to fit within the budget.

Note: If the building location is within the historic district, the artist needs to follow the color palette, and be respectful of all community members and the Historic District guidelines.

Budget

The City of Grants Pass and our community partner, Republic Services, will fund the project of \$3,500. The budget and stipends are as follows:

- **1 professional mural artist - stipend \$2000**
- **1 teacher coordinator - \$300**
- 8 Public high school students each get a \$100 stipend; two from each of the following high schools: Grants Pass, Hidden Valley, North Valley, and Illinois Valley
- **Materials - \$400.**

TOTAL: \$3,500

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