



Call For Muralists

LightBike Trail Project

Summary

The Public Art Committee of the Downtown Billings Alliance is seeking mural artists and mural artist-led teams to submit large-scale community engaging painted mural proposals. The murals will be part of the Downtown Billings LightBike Trail, an art installation that winds through the downtown alleys in Billings, MT. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2023. The selected mural artist(s) will be responsible for the complete implementation of the mural. The commission is for an original artwork or design. Collaboration and consultation with community groups, property owner(s), other local artist(s), and local businesses are highly encouraged and will be expected for the success of the project.



The available project locations vary by size, anywhere between 140 feet wide by 9ft high, and 6 feet wide by 20 feet high. Submissions should include mural proposals for projects sized at a minimum of 6 feet wide and up to a maximum of 140 feet wide. Up to 11 mural proposals may be selected for the project.

Visual Theme

Seeking mural proposals that seek to engage with the viewer and reflect on the past, present, and future of Billings and the region, pay homage to Downtown Billings and the surrounding area. The mural will do so through style, use of color, subject matter, and/or historical reference.

Artist Eligibility

Must live in Montana. Must be able to complete the project within the specified deadline.

Project Timeline

Application Deadline: **Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

Top finalists will be notified for an interview by: **Monday, June 12, 2023**

Artist agrees to begin mural by June 30th and complete mural by September 30th, 2023.



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Project Budget The project budget for each mural will range from \$2,000 - 8,000 per mural, depending on the size and complexity of the submission. The budget will cover the Artist's fee and materials for the project. Artists are responsible for transportation, food, lodging, and insurance during the duration of the project. Selected artist(s) will receive an agreement form. Once signed and returned the artist will receive half of the commission, the other half to be received upon completion of the mural within 6 months of signed agreement.

Application Process - Please submit all materials to: Joes@downtownbillings.com through Google Drive or deliver or mail application materials to:

Downtown Billings Alliance
LightBike Trail Mural
116 N 29th street, suite A .
Billings, MT 59101

All materials must be received no later than **May 24, 2023 at 4pm.**

Required Application Materials:

- Letter of interest including a description of why the artist is committed to conveying a message of community resilience in the past, present, and future of Billings and the region.
- Title and description of proposed mural
- Description of group participants if applicable
- Full color rendering of mural proposal (jpg requested)
- Project budget including requested artist's desired fee and estimated material cost
- Project timeline.
- Art resume/qualifications for lead artist(s) of the project, including contact information
- Artist Statement
- 5-10 jpg images of past/relevant work

Suggested Materials

High quality acrylic paint (recommendations include Nova Color, Behr masonry paint, Montana Gold, Montana 94, Molotow Premium Belton) or Rustoleum Spray paint to withstand weather conditions for a reasonable amount of time. Artists will be expected to prime the wall with Masonry primer (recommendation: Kilz). Obtaining all materials and supplies necessary for the execution of the mural is the responsibility of the selected artist(s).

For more information and questions, contact: Joe Stout, Downtown Billings Alliance, Joes@downtownbillings.com.