

**Routt County Health and Human Services  
INTERIOR Public Art  
Request for Proposals**



**Vision:** To showcase local Routt County artists with 5-10 separate pieces of art on public facing walls, ceilings, or other spaces inside the new Routt County Health and Human Services (HHS) building that exemplifies essence of the human condition in a contemporary, unique way. Your artwork should be interesting and thought provoking. Julie Kennedy, RC Purchasing, noted that, “while the panoramic mountain photos that can be found in both the County Commissioner’s Office and Centennial Hall where Steamboat Springs City Council meets are great, the hope is *this* art would focus more on the human condition.”

**Location:** Routt County Health and Human Services Building, public facing walls, ceilings, or other spaces. The spaces listed below have been selected as prime locations and will allow for guests and staff to engage with the artwork on a year round basis.

**HHS bottom floor:**

- Entrance Walls in common areas as you enter through corner (x2):
  - Waiting 102 = west wall 10'-4"w x 8'-6"h
  - Waiting 103 = south wall 19'w x 8'-6"h
- Hallway to conference room with a small waiting area (x1):
  - Pre-Function 126 = 8' 10"w x 12'h
- Community Room 128, skinny tall walls between windows (x2)
  - West walls approximately 5'w x 12'h each
- Outside of elevator (x1):
  - Hall 123 East Wall = 7'-5"w x 10'h

**HHS top floor:**

- Stairwell installation (x1)
  - 15'h x 8'w
- Accent wall installation at the top of the stairs (x1)
  - 22'-11"w x 9'h (ceiling height)
- Waiting and common area (x2)
  - Lounge 204 South Wall = 11'-7"w x 9'h
  - Break 203 South Wall = 19'-3"w x 8'h
- Hallway (x1)
  - Hall 205 = 7'7"w x 9'h

**Proposal:** Steamboat Creates is inviting artists to submit proposals for artwork to be showcased inside the new Routt County Health and Human Services Building, with a theme of “Being Human”.

The ideal pieces will be evoke a feeling of being human in a unique, contemporary way to celebrate Routt County citizens that will benefit from the diverse services available in this location. The HHS building will house the Department of Public Health and the Department of Human Services. Jointly these departments offer programs, services, and education with the goal of maintaining and improving the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Routt County. We are encouraging abstract interpretations of humanness that encourage curiosity and reflection.

**The last day to submit will be October 20, 2022.** Artwork will be completed and ready for installation or hanging by mid-April 2023. **Submissions should be completed via google form found at: <https://forms.gle/KJp8aqR5cx9uqCHQA> or compiled as one PDF include the following information and emailed to [submission@steamboatcreates.org](mailto:submission@steamboatcreates.org):**

- Artist name, mailing address, phone number, email.
- Are you a Routt County resident? If not, please elaborate.
- Brief Artist Statement and Bio (up to 100 words each)
- Examples of artists previous work (no more than 5 samples)
- A concept sketch or image of the piece(s) being submitted
- A short description (50 words) explaining the vision of the proposed artwork and how it celebrates the human condition. Please include a statement about the integrity of your workmanship to ensure artwork can withstand indoor conditions with public interaction and viewing
- Proposal should include a timeline for completion with a target date for installation by the mid-April
- A budget for the commission AND the installation

Proposals will be reviewed by a curatorial committee composed of a diverse and representative group of community members, arts professionals, government and creative district committee members.

**Selection:** An RFP for submissions will be shared online at [www.steamboatcreates.org/opportunities](http://www.steamboatcreates.org/opportunities) and <http://www.co.routt.co.us/>

Criteria for selection includes: Quality and Innovation, Timeliness, Consideration of Compatibility with Site, Permanence, Public Safety. Consideration shall be given to general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the public. Artwork that is obscene, indecent, political or the appropriation of existing artistic works which creates a risk of copyright and moral rights infringement will not be considered.

### **Timing:**

Due Date: October 20, 2022

Submissions due no later than midnight.

Installation of finished artwork: mid-April

TBD: Presentation to the community/celebration

### **Resources:**

- Routt County social hashtags: #RouttCountyArt - #RouttCountyHHSArt
- Webpages for submission details:
  - <http://www.steamboatcreates.org/opportunities> and <http://www.co.routt.co.us/>
- Outlets to share call (Steamboat Creates, Steamboat Pilot, Steamboat Chamber, Pilot Newspaper, CMC, Young Bloods Collective, press releases, First Friday Art Walk venues)
- Routt County Facilities to supervise and advise on installation, maintenance, and removal if necessary



Steamboat Creates - we nurture the arts so creativity flourishes.

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