

Request for Proposals

Description: Steamboat Creates, on behalf of the Public Art Committee of the City of Steamboat Springs, is soliciting submissions from local artists to design a set of six themed icons for the new Civic Plaza space in downtown Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The icons will be sandblasted on rock and paired with adjacent QR code signage that connects people to information on each of the six Steamboat Springs themes: Civic History, Fire Safety History, Industry/Commerce, People, Natural Environment and Arts and Culture.



Project Timeline: Submissions are due March 20, 2024
Final version of selected artwork is due April 1, 2024

Project Title: Civic Plaza Themed Icons

Budget: \$600 (for a set of 6 icons)

Objective

The City of Steamboat Springs seeks a local artist to create a set of unique icons representing the general concepts of six broad interpretive themes. The designs should be original and not specific to any particular object or organization. For example, industry/commerce should not be skis or cowboy hat. Designs should not reference a specific object, organization or logo. Original icons will get the highest consideration for the project.

The six themes are:

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| 1. Civic History tied to this specific space | 4. People |
| 2. Fire Service History | 5. Natural Environment |
| 3. Industry / Commerce | 6. Arts and Culture |

Details

Through an inclusive public process, the Public Art Committee will jury submissions for a set of six original icons for consideration by the City of Steamboat Springs. The set of icons selected could have up to two revisions. The set of icons will be sandblasted onto rock with lithochrome paint technology in black coloring. Artists will provide the design, a contractor for the project will do all sandblasting. Individual icons cannot exceed 12"x12". One artist and one set of icons will be selected based on scoring criteria: Quality and Innovation, Timeliness, Compatibility with Site, Permanence and Appropriateness. The final icon designs incorporating recommended revisions is due by April 1, 2024. Artist eligibility is limited to artists from Northwest Colorado, specifically residents of Routt, Moffat or Grand County. Final designs formats accepted: jpeg, eps, pdf or png. Incorporating icons into the cohesive creative placemaking components of Civic Plaza is essential to this Steamboat Springs community themed project.

Submissions

All submissions should include:

1. A single document containing six icons with respective theme titled below each design.
2. A single document to include: name, phone, email, address, website or online gallery link and brief artist bio (<50 words).
3. Submit pdf documents for all emailed submissions.

Mail Proposals to: Steamboat Creates PO Box 774284, Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477

Hand deliver to: Depot Art Center at 1001 13th Street, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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