## **ARTSPOT: CALL TO ARTISTS**



### JH Public Art announces a call for artists for new concepts for the ArtSpot

#### the skinny

The ArtSpot is a highly unique exhibition venue located along Broadway – the southern entrance to the Town of Jackson Hole. With more than 30,000 views daily, the ArtSpot offers a high-visibility location for the display of custom installations.

We are seeking artists – loosely those who make art with any medium – who want public art experience, and we have a bias for local or regional artists. We'll need a peek at past projects or ideas, so we get to know your abilities. The artwork you produce should amaze without unduly distracting motorists. That rules out optical illusions, strobe lights, lasers, oversized projections. No one wants to cause a pileup.

#### the dough

The selected artist will receive a \$3,000 stipend to create a one-of-a kind artwork. If necessary, we will cover the cost for an engineer review your concept. Based on the engineer's review you may need to alter your concept design.

#### the dates

Applications due by August 30, 2021 Artist announced in September 2021 Final concept and engineering review October Fabrications November – December Installation January 2022

#### details

Artwork is typically installed for 6 months to one year. Our location has everything to challenge a public artwork – UV rays, high winds, snow, and challenging installation conditions. It's a grab bag of weather so we will collaborate along the way if there are issues or safety concerns that come up during the exhibition.

Consider the lifecycle of the artwork. Using recycled materials or proposing a future location for the project, that's a plus. We love to highlight business sponsors that donate services or materials in our newsletters and press releases in case that sweetens your materials requests.

#### we need to say

There is no room for advertising, website, or business sponsor listings on the artwork. That would make it signage instead of art. We don't display political or cynical art, or work that is inappropriate for viewing of all ages. If an artwork becomes controversial, we reserve the right to remove the art before the end date of exhibition. So far, this hasn't happened, but we need to say it.

We will review your application and get in touch with you with questions. Sometimes we must deny an application based on quantity of submissions or available funding. We'll be back to you within a month of receiving your submission. We won't leave you hanging but we reserve the right to reissue this call should we deem that necessary. The staff of Jackson Hole Public Art will review the submissions. You will own the artwork. Since it is temporary, JHPA does not provide insurance for your artwork while it is on display.

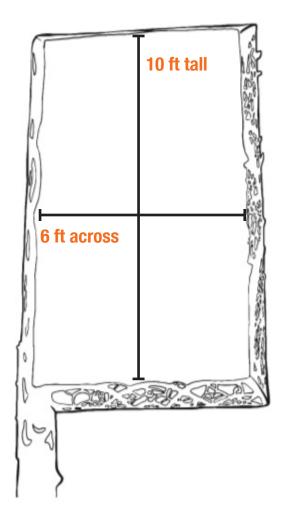
#### door's open

We are looking for universally appealing ideas that people from all backgrounds will appreciate. Winning artspot ideas should inspire joy and happiness, be playful in spirit and positive in attitude, remarkable and memorable. Concepts should be feasible and appropriate for the budget.

Please send us one PDF that includes: 1. a sketch concept with a narrative of 500 words or less that describes your concept and the materials you will use, 2. Images of 3 to 5 previously completed projects that show your ability and style, 3. and a reference or two, 4. Include your cell phone and email address.

If selected, you will sign a contract and provide a W-9. Then we will work with you to develop your concept into a final project. Cool, right?!

# Artist Opportunity



#### dimensions & mechanics

The ArtSpot lowers from a vertical position to a horizontal one for easier installation, with an internal winch and counterweight system. However, it is still very tall and high off the ground which is sloped. We also have a dimensionally accurate Sketchup model for your use.

#### About Jackson Hole Public Art

Our mission is to forge partnerships for the integration of art into any environment, to inspire lasting cultural, educational, and economic benefits.

Jackson Hole Public Art places temporary and permanent artworks, and we produce community-minded, artist-driven projects for public spaces. Public art invigorates and transforms, welcoming locals and visitors to a collective experience that builds community. Our projects are free, family-friendly, and accessible to everyone and begin with inclusive conversations with our residents. We also animate civic spaces through partnerships with private and public developers, ensuring that art is included in public design.

2022 is our 10-year anniversary. In that time, we have commissioned over \$1,000,000 of temporary and permanent public art installations in partnership with Town, County, local business, and non-profits. Annual events include: GlowNights, WildWalls murals, and the Moonshot 5x5. Ongoing programs include: the MobileStudio summer artmobile, youth murals for pathways, and the ArtSpot.

#### **Ouestions?**

We are happy to answer your questions, and discuss your concept, please call us.

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