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City of Peoria Seeking Artists for Public Art Initiative

Program to Feature Local Artists in Downtown and Warehouse District

February 28, 2025 (Peoria, IL)—The City of Peoria is excited to announce updates to the Banners and Boxes Beautification Program, making it easier than ever for local artists to showcase their work in public spaces. This initiative brings vibrant artwork to the downtown and warehouse districts, transforming electrical boxes and light pole banners into an outdoor gallery celebrating creativity and enriching the community.

The program will feature artwork from local artists on 15 electrical boxes and 100 banners. Artists may submit up to three pieces of art. Artists selected for the program will receive a \$500 honorarium for each piece selected. Artists who live in Peoria or have a studio in the city are invited to apply. Applications are open through March 22, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., and can be accessed on the city's website.

“This initiative reflects Peoria’s commitment to making public art more accessible,” said Stacy Peterson, Strategic Communications Manager and Staff Liaison to the Public Arts Advisory Commission. “By simplifying the process, we’re ensuring that more artists have the opportunity to share their talent while enhancing the visual appeal of our public spaces.”

Peoria has long been recognized for its investment in public art, with sculptures, murals, and architectural designs shaping the city’s cultural identity. The Banners and Boxes Beautification Program continues this legacy, turning everyday infrastructure into striking works of art.

How to Apply:

1. Visit the city’s website to access the updated policy and online form.
2. Select whether you’d like your work featured on a banner or an electrical box.
3. Upload a high-resolution JPG of your artwork.

The program is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. For more information and to apply, visit [the Banners and Boxes Beautification page](#) on the city’s website.

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