



Request for Proposal: Manhole Covers Design

Introduction

Springville City's Public Art Program seeks to commission artists to create original designs that will be installed on manhole covers at various sites around Springville City. We are looking for two different designs, one each for sewer and storm drain covers. Each artist can submit one design for each type of cover. One to two artists will be chosen. The allocated budget is \$500 for each design. A selection panel of community representatives, arts and culture professionals, and civic leaders will be assembled to select and recommend an artist(s) or artist team for the project. This initiative aims to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area while enhancing the identity of Art City.

Eligibility

This project is open to local artists of all levels. A signed Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement for each participating artist must be included in addition to the application form and design proposal.

Project Description

Manhole covers will be designed to enhance Springville by adding refreshing vibrancy and beauty to public spaces in Springville. Successful designs will contribute to Springville's brand as "Art City." The committee will accept proposals that are in black and white as the covers will be fabricated in cast iron. Accepted submissions will be contained in a circle and include the words "Springville City, plus either "Sewer", or "Storm Drain" depending on the design. For sewer designs a minimum of one 1" vent hole should also be included. The finished size of the manhole covers will be circular with an approx. 24 3/4" in diameter (See exhibit A below)

Design and Theme

The Public Art Program seeks designs that are vibrant and refreshing, while celebrating Springville's heritage, identity, and unique characteristics. Selected designs will be appropriate for family viewing, and not contain images or words that are profane, lewd or politically divisive. Artists are encouraged to consider the natural surroundings and water in their design concepts.

Project Budget

Each selected design shall be paid \$500. Two designs will be chosen from 1-2 artists. The project budget is all-inclusive and must include all design fees. Springville City will use the design to fabricate future manhole covers to be installed at their discretion with a company of their choosing. The artist(s) will be paid in full upon completion of project.

Site Description

Manhole Covers will be placed at various sites around the City with priority being Downtown and in high-traffic walking and biking areas.

Submission Process

Proposals will be received through Submittable and can be accessed through a link that will be shared on the Springville Public Art webpage at: www.smofa.org/public-art-opportunities. The application window will be open March 15, 2024. The submission deadline is April 15, 2024. Proposals must include the following:

1. Artist resume or CV
 - a. Images from 1-5 past projects
2. Manhole design proposal
 - a. Image(s) of the proposed design(s) - only 1 design per artist for each type of cover will be accepted
3. Project statement describing the approach and intention of the design(s)

Selection Process

Committee

TBD - Visual Arts Representative
TBD - Neighborhood Representative
TBD - Springville Museum of Art Representative
TBD - Springville City Council Representative
TBD - Springville PAR Board Representative (Parks, Art, & Recreation)
Jake Nostrom - Springville City Department Representative

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will select an artist based on the following criteria:

- Artistic excellence and originality
- Appropriateness of the design for its site in the Springville community and to represent water
- Ability for the design to be adapted for fabrication

Timeline

- Open call for proposals: March 15 - April 15, 2024
- Decision notification/selection of artist: April 30, 2024
- Artist agreement signed by: May 15, 2024
- Final design file(s) submitted by: May 30, 2024

Policies

- The City and Selection Committee reserve the right to withhold the award of a commission or re-release the call for entries.
- Springville City will issue a contract outlining the terms of the project for the selected artist(s).
- The selected Artist will provide up to two design edits following feedback from the Selection Committee.
- The selected artist must deliver a vector file.
- The selected artist will keep the project contact up to date on status, timeline, and progress of design.
- Upon completion, the Artist will retain copyright. The City will become the owner of the design and reproduction copyright.
- The design may or may not be used by the City at any time for any purpose.
- To request an accommodation for a disability, please email lgleaves@springville.org at least two weeks in advance of the proposal deadline.

Project Contact

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[EXHIBIT A]

These are the current manhole covers, we encourage you to be creative with your design! Remember, all designs must include the words, “Springville City” plus the word, “sewer” or “storm drain” depending on which design you are submitting. Designs for the “sewer” cover should also include a minimum of one 1” vent hole (12 vent holes are shown in the image below). Words and vent holes can be incorporated anywhere in the design.

