



Hattiesburg Alliance for Public Art is pleased to announce a Call for Artists for innovative and creative utility box designs along several of Hattiesburg’s streets and throughways. Artists with experience in public art or painting and budding artists with direct assistance from a professional are invited to submit up to three original artworks for consideration.

The utility box series is designed to enhance public spaces along Hattiesburg’s corridors, encourage continued development of the arts, and cultivate a sense of community. This phase of the public art project will include up to 20 boxes with a stipend provided for each completed piece. **Artists are asked to include a draft design and concept statement with each proposal and applications must be submitted electronically by noon on Friday, October 3, 2025.**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND STIPEND**

Artists will be given the location of the utility box(es) once awarded. Selected artists must supply all equipment, paint, and materials needed for the project A protective coating must be applied to the finished art.

Selected artists will receive a stipend of \$500 and will give the rights to use their image on the utility box and in promotional materials. Artist’s name and title of artwork will appear on the utility box. Payments of 50% will be paid prior to work commencing with the signing of a letter of agreement with the remaining 50% being paid upon the box’s satisfactory completion.

Entries must be original designs suitable for viewing by all ages, and artists must demonstrate their ability to hand paint designs through the images submitted to this call. Creative license in design and theme is encouraged, but artists are encouraged to use little to no words in Phase Four of the series, focusing on visual designs.

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

The paintings should be designed to cover all four sides of selected utility boxes.

SIDE PANEL	FRONT PANEL	SIDE PANEL	BACK PANEL
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Average dimensions for utility boxes are 56”h x 44’w x 75”d.

Executed work must be true to the submitted concept design and a final walkthrough of the project and any necessary edits must be completed prior to final payment.

### DEADLINE TO APPLY AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT

All applications must be electronically submitted by noon on Friday, October 3, 2025. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Artist selection is expected to be made by October 10 and painting must be complete no later than November 30, 2025. Artists must monitor the weather as most paint will not adhere to metal cooler than 50°F.

### SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel comprised of professional artists, HAPA, and community stakeholders. Criteria used to select the designs include artistic merit and creativity, demonstrated ability, and technical knowledge required for execution.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Artists may submit up to three concepts for consideration, and the following materials are required:

- Digital images or detailed sketches of your proposed design
- A short bio which includes your qualifications, experience, and contact information. Artist name and identifying features should not be included in the bio.
- A short narrative describing the concept and design of the proposed painted box
- Images of previous work samples (up to 5)

Applications may only be submitted electronically at <https://forms.gle/4TUY7ZJKG2yrcMrU6>. Only applications submitted on the linked Google Form will be considered.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

**Proposal deadline:** October 3, 2025 at 12noon

**Project completion deadline:** November 30, 2025

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions or to request additional information, email [kbrock@visithburg.org](mailto:kbrock@visithburg.org).

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