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Denver Public Art calls for qualified Colorado artists for new projects at Denver Public Library - Hadley Branch, High Line Canal, Emergency Homeless Shelter

The City and County of Denver is pleased to announce [calls for qualifications for three new Denver Public Art commissions](#).

“These three public art opportunities underscore Denver’s commitment to serving its residents, from education to recreation to safety,” said Denver Public Art manager Michael Chavez. “All three projects present a chance for an artist to creatively integrate art into the daily lives of various Denver communities: visitors at Denver Public Library Hadley Branch, golfers at Wellshire Golf Course, hikers along the High Line Canal, and employees and guests of the Emergency Homeless Shelter.”

Denver Public Library - Hadley Branch Library, 1890 S. Grove St.

The City of Denver’s Public Art Program seeks to commission a Colorado artist or a team of artists to create a site-specific public artwork at Hadley Branch Library. The Hadley Library art selection panel requests that the selected artist or artist team create their project utilizing the ideaLAB resources and equipment. The library welcomes artist(s) to utilize the library resources, space and ongoing programming to help engage the neighboring community and increase community connection through planned workshops. The commission amount is \$10,000 USD.

High Line Canal Trail - Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue

The City of Denver’s Public Art program seeks to commission a Colorado artist or a team of artists to create a site-specific public artwork at the newly constructed half mile paved High Line Canal trail and underpass at Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue. Construction of the new trail is expected to be completed in 2020. The selection panel seeks artwork that speaks to the community, the history of the area and the legacy of the High Line Canal with the potential for motion and sound art. The commission amount is \$40,000 USD.

Denver Emergency Homeless Shelter - 4330 E. 48th Ave.

The City of Denver’s Public Art program seeks to commission a Colorado artist or a team of artists to create a site-specific public artwork at the newly-renovated Emergency Homeless Shelter located at 4330 E. 48th Ave. The successful artist or artist team will be asked to consider the challenges of the shelter guests who are experiencing homelessness and approach this project with empathy for them. The artwork should provide an “oasis” of comfort for guests, softening the space, and providing peace, relaxation and hope. Engagement with shelter guests through workshops or other means of participation is welcomed during the development of the artwork. The commission amount is \$40,000 USD.

Applications will be accepted for all three calls at www.CallForEntry.org through **April 15, 11:59 p.m.**

Funding for these projects comes from the City of Denver’s 1% for Public Art Ordinance resulting from construction of the High Line Canal, and the renovations at Denver Public Library – Hadley Branch and the Emergency Homeless Shelter. All calls are open to all artists and artist teams residing in Colorado.

For more information on this and other Denver Public Art opportunities, please visit www.DenverPublicArt.org/For-Artists/#opportunities.

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About Denver Public Art

Denver’s Public Art Program was established in 1988 as an Executive Order under Mayor Federico Peña. The order, enacted into Ordinance by Denver City Council in 1991, directs that 1% of any capital improvement project over \$1 million undertaken by the City, be set aside for the inclusion of art. Over the past 30 years these artworks, along with the historic and donated works of art, make up the City’s Public Art Collection. The Public Art Collection has expanded the opportunity for Denver residents to experience art in public places.

www.DenverPublicArt.org

About Hadley Branch Library and the ideaLAB

Hadley Library recently underwent a renovation through bond-funded capital improvements. Originally built in 1964, renovations to the facility included a new ideaLAB makerspace, upgrades to lighting, heating and ventilation, wireless connectivity and upgraded paint and furnishings. Technology plays a central role in the renovated library. Thirteen computers with public access provide internet and useful office software. A new elevator and an additional set of stairs have been added to offer access to the basement that will

be home to future programs. The facility is now fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Additional enhancements have been made to address safety for patrons and staff.

About the High Line Canal

The High Line Canal trail meanders 71 miles across the metro Denver area, and is one of the longest and most spectacular linear parks in the nation. The canal spans 11 governmental jurisdictions from Waterton Canyon in Douglas County to Green Valley Ranch in Northeast Denver. Its cottonwood banks weave through residential neighborhoods, public parks, golf courses, cemeteries, commercial and industrial lands, and over and under urban thruways, all while offering those traveling its banks a slice of nature in the City. The trail offers pedestrians a perfect trail for a walk, run, hike or bike outing. While the waterway is owned and operated by Denver Water, this national landmark trail is maintained by municipal recreation agencies. As one of the longest continuous urban trails in the country, the canal twists through the most populated area of Colorado while crossing multiple and varied communities. More than 350,000 residents reside within one mile of the canal and recent data indicates that annually more than 500,000 people use the canal as a recreational asset. The Wellshire Golf Course sits in proximity to the project site and has operated since 1926.

About the Emergency Homeless Shelter

In 2018, the City of Denver purchased and renovated a 40,000 square foot industrial warehouse to increase citywide capacity for overnight shelter. The facility received a new roof, lighting, heating, ventilation, restrooms and showers. The shelter provides emergency overnight shelter for up to 500 people who are experiencing homelessness. The Denver metropolitan area sees the highest demand for overnight shelter between the months of November and April with the most inclement weather. Guests are brought to the shelter by bus from 5-10 p.m. and are welcome to stay and rest during from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., with supervised security on the premises. Denver Rescue Mission operates the shelter with a commitment to helping people experiencing homelessness and addiction. Denver's Road Home oversees the city's investments in tools that help people experiencing homelessness and partner with the community to provide resources to those experiencing homelessness.

www.DenversRoadHome.org

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