



Public Art Project - Routt County Health and Human Services Building
Exterior Artwork Acquisition
August 2022

Routt County Agreement Regarding Provision of Professional Services Exhibit A

Routt County will partner with Steamboat Creates on implementing a process for identifying, selecting and installing 1 piece of public art that will be installed outside the new Health and Human Services Building located at Oak Street and 6th Street in downtown Steamboat Springs.

Name: Routt County Health and Human Services Building

Address: 135 6th St, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 **Phone:** (970) 879-1540

Primary Contact: Joe Stepan, Facilities Division Manager - Routt County Public Works Department

Secondary Contact: Julie Kennedy, Purchasing Manager

Project Overview:

- Based on a recommendation from a focus group of Routt County staff and Commissioners, Steamboat Creates received direction to create an MOU to work through a public process to help identify and acquire artwork from a local artisan. The selected artwork will be installed at the exterior of the new Health and Human Services (HHS) building. The criteria for selection will be based on a number of criteria developed by Steamboat Creates' Curatorial Committee.
- A deadline for consideration of artwork was established for October 3, 2022 with updates throughout the process, to present a rationale for the proposal, how it was vetted and plans for executing the project to satisfaction.
- The overall theme of the art will reflect its use as the hub for Health and Human Services in Routt County. An overarching theme of public health that serves 3 generations of folks in the county. The Routt County Department of Human Services strives to be a respected partner in a healthy, safe, interconnected community by assisting people in meeting identified needs to attain a better quality of life.
- Our Mission - To strengthen families and individuals, and to promote safety and self-sufficiency.
- Guiding Principles that can be incorporated into overall messaging to potential artists:
 - Respect diversity, be family focused, collaborate with the community, deliver accessible and quality services and treat the public with respect and dignity.
- Steamboat Creates will manage the public art process and purchase for Routt County while retaining a modest 15% fee for services rendered.
- All artwork will be owned and maintained by Routt County.

Selection Process via Curatorial Committee:

- Steamboat Creates will do public outreach to obtain community involvement by:
 - Inviting the public to provide input on the theme and information for the RFP
 - Provide opportunity to apply to sit on the curatorial committee

- Selecting a variety of community members, art experts, prior committee members, etc.
- Holding open meetings and interviews with finalists for art selection
- Provide an equitable process with the final decision based on the scoring criteria submitted by each member of the curatorial committee
- Steamboat Creates will convene a citizen's committee that will ensure that the public input, County guidelines and design elements stay true to the community input we have received. County guidelines to be included in judging criteria include: ensure artwork will not interfere with public access and will not hinder public or staff movement in or around the building.
- Updates will be provided to Routt County representatives on a monthly basis.

Scope of Work and Placement:

- **Exterior Artwork - Location: TBD, Size: TBD**
- **Project Timeline: TBD**
- Budget: The total budget for the entire project is not to exceed \$20,000
- Optional item that will be provided:
 - Signage for artwork(s) highlighting the title, medium and artist.

The County shall:

- Provide support and guidance to Steamboat Creates through the public art process
- Provide Steamboat Creates scheduled meeting dates for updates to the Board of County Commissioners throughout the process for input and progress
- Work with Steamboat Creates to follow the proper procedures for holding public meetings and selecting the curatorial committee
- Execute a purchase agreement with Steamboat Creates to ensure a smooth acquisition of artwork
- Work with Steamboat Creates to facilitate approval of purchase of artwork and proceed with executed purchase agreements
- Provide space to hold public meetings and interviews
- Provide representative to serve on the curatorial committee that will review all artwork submissions
- Provide staff to approve location of and oversee installation of artwork with security lock hangers

The chosen Artists will be responsible for:

- Adhering to an executed purchase agreements with Steamboat Creates for selected artwork
 - Work with Facility and Purchasing Managers for highest and best installation of artwork

This is a mutually agreed upon MOU between Steamboat Creates and Routt County, Facilities Department.

Steamboat Creates Representative
Kim Keith, Executive Director

RC Board of County Commissioners
M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair

Date _____

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We nurture the arts so creativity flourishes.

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