

CALL FOR ARTIST PROPOSALS

Proposal Deadline: 4/15/19

Stipend of up to \$20,000 available



ABOUT artFITS

Located on the western edge of Iowa, Pottawattamie County encompasses 15 communities and is the state's largest county by land area with a robust hiking and biking trail network. To create a truly world-class trail system, Pottawattamie County is exploring ways in which public artworks and artistic expression can be incorporated into the trails. In this effort, PACE and partners are commissioning a public arts installation on a newly constructed bridge on the trail system through an initiative called **artFITS** (Art on the Frontier Iowa Trails System). This bridge installation will serve both function and beauty, as the site will be a recreational destination for hikers to connect with the outdoors and local arts community. As Pottawattamie County currently ranks 91 of 99 in terms of health outcomes in the state, these trails not only highlight the area's natural beauty but encourage healthy lifestyles for our citizens.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

PACE is currently accepting proposals for artistic installations on/or nearby the bridge for embellishment, beautification and a reinforcement of the concepts expressed below. Proposals can include graphic and/or mural artwork produced directly on the structure or sculptural works flanking or nearby the bridge that do not interfere with its structural integrity. Additional information or specifics via restrictions or limitations are available upon request.

Potential Concepts & Themes:

1. Health & Recreation
2. Environmentalism & Sustainability
3. History & Heritage
4. Abstract Beauty & Placemaking
5. Art & Community
6. Other

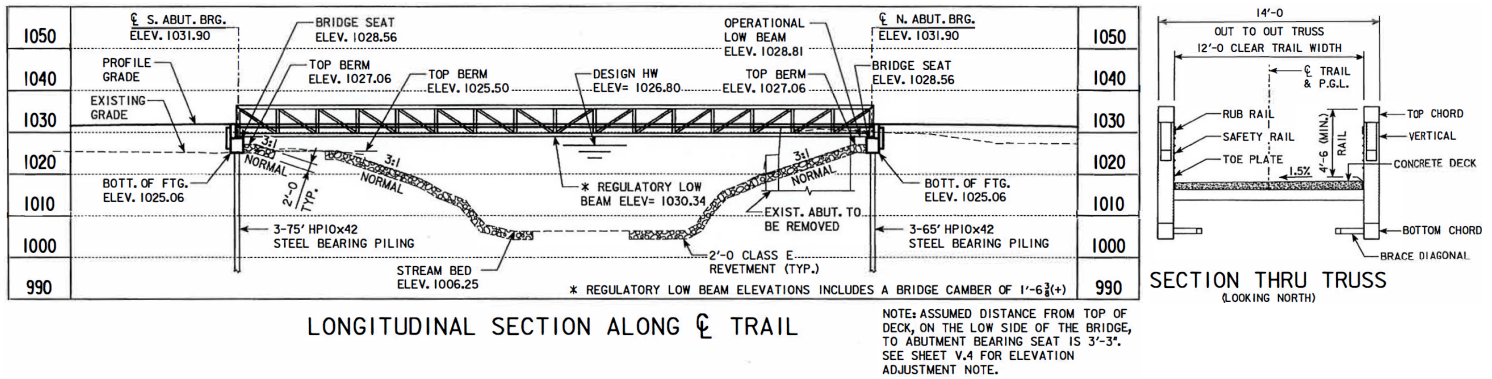
Potential Media & Forms:

1. Sculpture(s) / Forms Flanking Bridge
2. Solar Lights & Technology
3. Graphic Interventions on Structure - i.e. paint, murals, etc.
4. Other

SPECIFICATIONS

- Rural, paved trail connector bridge sized at approximately 192' long x 12' wide
- Constructed of steel with concrete poured deck, applied with weatherproof finishing
- Bicycle / pedestrian bridge with steel guard rail / hand rails running along sides

BRIDGE RENDERINGS



SELECTION PROCESS

The winning artist proposal will be selected by a committee composed of local artists, community members and stakeholders. Artists are required to submit their design proposal complete with the application materials specified below to the committee for review.

Selected artists will receive up to a \$20,000 stipend total for all materials and time. Installation will occur in July 2019, at a date to be determined, followed by an official unveiling complete with ceremony, media coverage, etc.

Proposals must be submitted by April 15, 2019 for consideration within a total budget of \$20,000 and a detailed budget breakdown including material, labor and installation costs. Email danna@PACEartsiowa.org or call (712) 396-2483 with any questions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should include a packet of the following information submitted electronically to danna@PACEartsiowa.org or by mail to:

Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE)

1228 South Main Street, Suite 115

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

- Application should include name, address, phone number and email (artist portfolios and/or websites are also welcome)
- Artist's statement about the artwork, including medium and proposed production time line for installation in July 2019
- Detailed explanation of how the piece will be installed, anchored, secured and maintained (if necessary)
- Brief artist biography outlining credentials and relevant experience with public art commissions
- Sketch, photograph and/or rendering of proposed installation, may use trail connector bridge plans above for reference
- Budget with expenses of up to \$20,000 including all costs for entire project entailing honorarium, labor, materials, installation, etc.

Required Artwork Elements:

- All artwork must be the original work of the artist and suitable for outdoor display
- Must not interfere with structure and/or structural integrity of bridge, nor impede trail for pedestrians or bikes on path

Encouraged Artwork Elements:

- Artwork that is easily visible from the trail to create a sense of discovery, surprise and intimacy
- Artwork that incorporates themes of abstract beauty, nature, environment, health, wellness, community and/or history

