

Transcontinental Railroad 150th Anniversary Festival

Request for Proposals: Railroad Art Crosswalks

Proposal Deadline: June 12, 2019

Stipend: \$1,000 per design

Number of Artists: Multiple



Join Council Bluffs as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the nation's first transcontinental railroad.

About the Transcontinental Railroad 150th Anniversary Festival

On May 10, 1869, the first transcontinental railroad was completed as a ceremonial golden spike was driven into the track and President Abraham Lincoln designated Council Bluffs as 'Mile 0'. The effect of the railroads on Council Bluffs was extraordinary as the city grew from an isolated town on the Missouri River to a bustling city a decade later. The engineering feat not only changed Council Bluffs but the entire country. Join us in celebrations, reflections, and more as we embark on the 150th year anniversary of the first transcontinental railroad and rediscover what it meant for our town and beyond. To find out more visit:

<https://www.unleashcb.com/sites/anniversary/>.

Call for Artists

The partners of festival invite artists to submit designs for crosswalk art to be officially unveiled at the 150th Anniversary Festival on July 13th, 2019. The crosswalk designs should honor our community's railroad heritage, and should be inspired by railroad tracks.

Specifications

- Eight street crosswalks surrounding Bayliss park; please see map
 - (2) 55 x 6 ft.
 - (1) 51.5 x 6 ft.
 - (1) 49 x 6 ft.
 - (1) 35 x 6 ft.
 - (2) 33 x 6 ft.
 - (1) 32 x 6 ft.
- Design will be produced as a printable film and/or overlaminated and will be installed by a contractor.

Required Artwork elements:

- All artwork must be the original work of the artist and appropriate for public space
- Design must include a railroad motif and be relevant to the celebration
- Limit 8 designs per artist or artist group

Timeline

June 12, 2019	Deadline for Submissions
July 8-9, 2019	Install of designs by contractors
July 13, 2019	150th Anniversary Festival

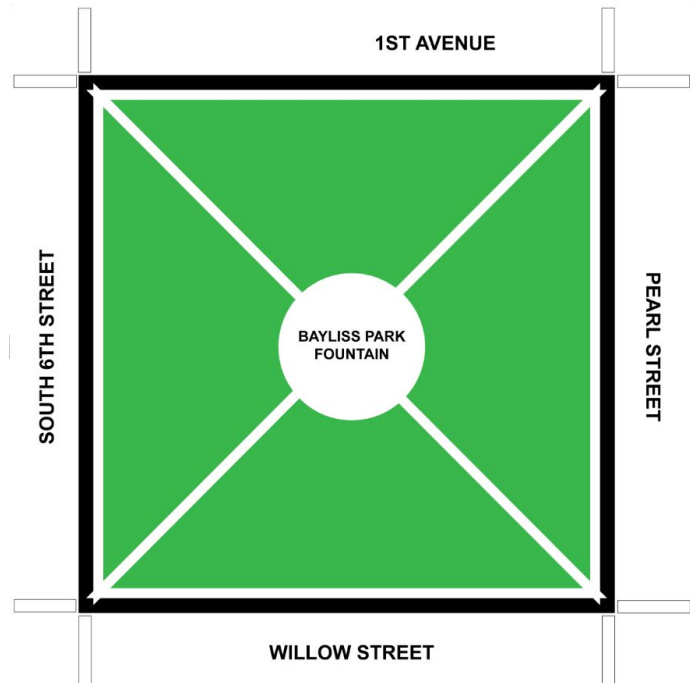
Compensation

Each artist will be paid a stipend of \$1,000 per selected design.

Application

Applications should include a packet of the following information to be submitted:

- Name, address, phone number and email (artist portfolios and/or websites are also welcome)
- Artist statement about the design and how it connects to the core themes of the Festival
- Detailed explanation of the design elements and measurements
- Brief artist biography outlining credentials and relevant experience with public art commissions or street art
- Detailed drawing or rendering of proposed design



Please submit applications electronically to Savanna Falter at savanna@paceartsiowa.org or mail to:

Savanna Falter

Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment

1228 South Main Street Suite 115

Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Selection Process

The winning artist designs will be selected by a committee of representatives of the Festival collaborating partners. Artists are required to submit their completed design proposal with the application materials specified by the deadline in order for the committee to review.

Art Crosswalk Partners

