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Denver Public Art Seeks Qualified Colorado Artist for Iowa Avenue Underpass Public Art Project, Extends Deadline for Denver Health Main Campus Plaza Public Art Project

The City and County of Denver is pleased to announce an open call for a new Public Art commission for the Iowa Avenue Underpass.

The City of Denver's Public Art Program seeks to commission a Colorado artist or artist team for a site-specific artwork at the soon-to-be renovated Iowa Avenue underpass between S. Acoma Street and S. Santa Fe Drive in the Overland Neighborhood. The budget for this commission is \$35,000 and qualifications will be accepted through Monday, April 13, 11:59 p.m.

The goal of this public art commission is to use imagery and prose to create a warm, safe and welcoming experience for the users of a new ADA-compliant, pedestrian/bicycle path. The selection committee highly recommends for the artist or artist team to collaborate with a writer for original content which may also include poetry, and is open to two-dimensional artwork in all media, materials that may be applied to the wall in shallow relief and formats suitable for an outdoor environment.

Denver Public Art has also extended the deadline to April 13 for Colorado artists and artist teams to apply for a Denver Health Main Campus Plaza project. This artwork should be both a daytime and nighttime presence, engaging Denver Health employees, visitors and patients, and honoring the human experience. The budget for this commission is \$300,000.

Artists may submit qualifications for Iowa Avenue Underpass at artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=7448.

Artists may submit qualifications for Denver Health Main Campus Plaza at artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=7445.

Additionally, Denver Public Art has a call open through March 30 for [National Western Center Riverfront](#), and a call open through March 16 for [2020 Urban Arts Fund projects](#).

For more information on these and other Denver Public Art opportunities, please visit www.denverpublicart.org/for-artists.

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About Denver Arts & Venues

Denver Arts & Venues' mission is to amplify Denver's quality of life and economic vitality through premier public venues, arts and entertainment opportunities. Arts & Venues is the City and County of Denver agency responsible for operating some of the region's most renowned facilities, including Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, the Denver Performing Arts Complex, Colorado Convention Center, Denver Coliseum and McNichols Civic Center Building. Arts & Venues also oversees the Denver Public Art Program, Create Denver, SCFD Tier III granting process, Arts Education Fund and other entertainment and cultural events such as the Five Points Jazz Festival, Urban Arts Fund, P.S. You Are Here and implementation of IMAGINE 2020: Denver's Cultural Plan. Denver Arts & Venues is committed to diversity, equity and inclusiveness in all our programs, initiatives and decision-making processes.

www.ArtsandVenues.com

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 Iowa Avenue Underpass Improvements

The City and County of Denver will provide pedestrians and bicyclists with a safe, comfortable and intuitive connection beneath the railroad tracks at Iowa Avenue. The project will remove stairs to create an ADA accessible path. The multi-use path will eliminate the gap along the bike route, providing increased safety, clearer wayfinding and improved user experience. The project will also include improved crossings at S. Santa Fe Drive and a new sidewalk along S. Santa Fe Drive from Jewell Avenue to Florida Avenue.

www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/transportation-infrastructure/programs-services/projects/iowa-underpass.html

About Denver Health

Denver Health was founded as City Hospital in 1860 to serve the health care needs of the rapidly developing city of Denver. Since then, the campus has grown alongside the community to become a complete health care system, proudly providing care for all residents -- at every point in their lives. Today, Denver Health delivers preventative, primary and acute care services. Denver Health committed to making the community a healthy place to live, work and raise a family. As a comprehensive, integrated organization, Denver Health provides hospital and emergency care to the public, regardless of ability to pay. This integration promotes continuity of care for each patient and assures health care that is delivered in the most efficient, cost-effective setting.

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