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## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION ISSUES CALL FOR ARTISTS

*Creating Art for the 4<sup>th</sup> And 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pilot Project*

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. August 5, 2024** – The City of Grand Junction, the Urban Trails Committee, and the Commission on Arts and Culture have announced a call for artists interested in creating unique, vibrant murals and functional sculptures such as bike racks and benches for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pilot Project between Grand Avenue and Colorado Avenue. The deadline to submit mural proposals is Friday, August 23, 2024, at noon and the deadline to submit functional sculpture proposals is Tuesday, September 17, 2024. [Detailed information about submitting a proposal](#)

“We are looking forward to the pilot project on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets to help encourage slower speeds and enhance the safety and experience for all user groups,” stated Brandon Stam, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority. “Placemaking efforts like the Living Streets Mural Program will help spur creativity and beautification along 4th and 5th Street.”

Three designated areas along 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets will host a total of four murals. Submissions for mural artwork should be geometric, colorful, and bright in design, incorporating abstract landscapes or conceptual ideas. Inspiration can be pulled from [Paint the Streets in Cincinnati](#) and the nationwide [Bloomberg Asphalt Art program](#). Two designated areas along 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets will host sculptures. Designs for sculptures should include unique and playful bike racks and benches. The Commission on Arts and Culture, members of the Urban Trails Committee, and city staff will select the artists to complete the project.

The call for artists on the corridors comes as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pilot Project which is designed to reduce speeds for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. The first phase of the project is underway and community members can provide feedback on [EngageGJ.org](#).

The Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture is dedicated to helping create and nurture a climate and conditions in Grand Junction in which the arts and culture can thrive and grow. For more information about serving as a volunteer for the Commission on Arts and Culture or on other city boards and commissions, email [cityclerk@gjcity.org](mailto:cityclerk@gjcity.org) or call 970-244-1509

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