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City of Grand Junction Issues Call for Artists for Artistic Shade Shelter for Monument Connector Trail

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., March 28, 2025 – The City of Grand Junction and the Commission on Arts and Culture call for artists interested in creating an artistic shade shelter to be installed along the paved Monument Connector Trail. Proposal submissions are due by May 20, 2025, with the installation to be completed by August 29, 2025.

Artists interested in [applying](#) should submit a letter of interest, resume, proposal, design sketches, and annotated images of original representative work. The selection panel will include representatives from the City's Engineering and Transportation Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture.

The final design should be both structurally sound and artistically compelling, enhancing the experience of trail users. The project should celebrate the area's outdoor culture and landscape, similar to the shelter created and installed at the Lunch Loops Trailhead.

"Grand Junction is a mecca for outdoor activities, including mountain and road cycling," said Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation director. "The world-famous Lunch Loops Trail Area is just three miles from downtown, and in 2011, several local cyclists proposed a paved trail to connect the two. That vision became reality in 2019 with the opening of Phase 1 of the paved trail from the Riverfront Trail to the Lunch Loops Trailhead. Phase 2 will soon connect the Lunch Loops Trailhead to the existing paved trail along South Camp Road", continued Sherbenou.

Once complete, the Monument Connector trail will form a 10-mile loop of multi-use paved trail connecting the Riverfront Trail to the Redlands and the Tour of the Moon scenic bicycle byway. The project is a collaboration between the City, the Colorado West Land Trust and One Riverfront, with major funding support from Great Outdoors Colorado.

This art installation is funded through the City's One Percent for the Arts Program. This program expands opportunities for residents and visitors to experience high-quality art by facilitating the acquisition and display of art in public places, budgeting one percent for public art from certain city capital improvement projects.

The Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture is dedicated to creating and nurturing an environment in which the arts and culture can thrive in Grand Junction. 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 or call 970-244-1509.

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