



REQUEST FOR ARTISTS

Public Art Commission Opportunity
South End Cultural Corridor – Bastrop, Texas

Project Overview

The City of Bastrop is seeking qualified artists or artist teams to design and install a public mural within the South End Cultural Corridor within a TXDOT overpass. This project will visually interpret themes from the “Voices of the South End: Past, Place, and People” Oral History Series, highlighting the cultural, historical, and community identity of the South End District.



Eligibility

- Open to professional artists and artist teams
- Experience with public art or mural installations preferred
- Experience with community-based or cultural storytelling projects encouraged

Project Details

- Location: South End Cultural Corridor, Bastrop, Texas (College Street and Hwy 71 Overpass)
- Budget: To be determined (inclusive of design, materials, and installation)
- Timeline: 3-4 months

Artistic Themes

Artists should draw inspiration from the following themes derived from the South End Oral History Project:

- Indigenous history and early landscape
- Settlement, slavery, and emancipation
- Rise of a self-sustaining Black community
- Music, culture, and connection to the river
- Segregation, civil rights, and resilience
- Community endurance and environmental impacts
- Growth, change, and future vision

Submission Requirements

- Artist Statement
- Letter of Interest
- Portfolio (5-7 relevant works)
- Resume or CV
- Concept Narrative

Selection Criteria

- Artistic excellence and originality
- Relevant experience with murals or public art
- Ability to interpret cultural and historical themes
- Feasibility and approach to project execution
- Sensitivity to community context

Submission Information

Submit all materials electronically to:

City of Bastrop – Cultural Arts Initiative Attention Michelle Limas

Email: MLimas@cityofbastrop.org

Subject Line: South End Mural Artist Submission

