



*Sandpiper Art
Gallery & Gifts*

Polson Traffic Boxes Call for Art

The Project

The City of Polson and the Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts invites artists residing in Lake County to apply to have art on Polson's Traffic Signal Boxes. The Traffic Signal Box Art Project benefits Polson by creating an inclusive, creative environment that fosters a sense of community and appreciation of art.

When the Traffic Boxes are wrapped with art printed on vinyl, they will greatly enhance Polson's public art presence. These large boxes are about 5'H x 4'W x 2'D and will be seen by passing vehicles.

Artist's Award and Eligibility

- The total budget for each box is \$1500, including materials and a \$850 artists' award.
- Artists must reside in Lake County.
- Applicants will be chosen regardless of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.
- No more than two commissions per artist will be awarded in a 36-month period.
- Selected artists are encouraged to carry comprehensive general liability insurance.

Design Criteria

- Artwork must be original.
- Art should showcase the beauty and character of the area.
- Design proposals are submitted on provided template to be visible on four sides.
- Designs **MUST NOT** contain any representations of traffic lights/signs/or signals, text, advertisement or business promotion, or trademarks/brands/or images of illegal acts.
- Designs should not have large, single color, open areas that invite vandalism.
- Finished work will be on functioning equipment that eventually may need repair or replacing; therefore, there is no guarantee how long decorated boxes will be used.
- Photography and digital works accepted but must be original and not generated by AI.

Selection Process

Public art reflects its community. Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts expects only the highest quality art in concept, execution, durability and safety.

The selection team will review applications and choose award recipients. The selection team includes representatives from the following: Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts, Polson Chamber of Commerce, Polson High School Art Department, and independent public art and educational consultants.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following: an aesthetic, artistic, and technically correct design; the artist's experience; and the completeness of the application.

Application Information

All information on how to apply is available at:

<https://www.sandpiperartgalleryandgifts.com/art4polson-trafficboxes>

The following information needs to be submitted via email to Art4Polson@gmail.com

- Art Resume' including art and art-related experience.
- Images, (3 to 5) of previous artworks, labeled and described.
- Contact information - (full name, phone, email and title of art piece).

Additionally, artists should prepare a design template:

- Completed statement (of intent) and colored, 3-D template of traffic box. Templates should accurately depict the size and proportion of the project.
***See Traffic Box Design Template below.*
- Note: Each artist may submit three design proposals, statement of intent and templates.
- The completed submission must be at least 12 inches, with a design that reflects the finished project's hue and intensity.
- Artists should consider their submission as the final product, ready to be photographed!
- Artist's name, title of work, and contact information should be on the inside or bottom of the model.
- Note: Actual utility boxes vary in size and shape, so artwork might need to be adjusted to fit the box.

Mail or deliver to:

Natalie Raffield, Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts,
306 Main Street, P. O. Box 1163, Polson, Montana 59860.
Art4Polson@gmail.com | (303) 945-6325

PROJECT TIMELINE

Submission deadline - AUGUST 3, 2024

Complete submissions are to be received by the Selection Team no later than 5:00 p.m August 3, 2024. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE DELIVERED TO SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS, 306 Main St, Polson, MT 59860

AUGUST 4-8	Works judged by selection committee.
AUGUST 9	Finalists announced.
AUGUST 10	Commissions awarded. The Selection Team will choose the final locations for selected works. A standard public art contract will be agreed upon by the artist and the City of Polson.
AUGUST 12-16	Artworks photographed and printed
AUGUST 19-23	Installation
AUGUST 24	Unveiling of the project.

****See Traffic Boxes Art Template on last page of this document**

AGREEMENT RIGHTS

Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts is designated to review, advocate and develop public art projects in the City of Polson. Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts in conjunction with the city of Polson strives to develop a formal structure in which to create, develop and maintain public art as well as further public accessibility to the arts.

The public art project is open to all eligible applicants regardless of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts reserves the right at any time to supplement, amend or otherwise modify this solicitation and to request additional or supplemental information or proposals from any or all participating artists. In addition, the City reserves the right to accept or reject, at any time prior to the commissioning of a work, any or all proposals or any part thereof submitted in connection with this solicitation; to waive any defect or technicality; and to advertise for new proposals where the acceptance, rejection waiver, or advertisement would be in the best interests of the City. The City also reserves the right to negotiate unacceptable provisions incorporated within an otherwise acceptable proposal. A proposal which is incomplete, unclear, conditional or which contains irregularities of any kind, may be rejected without evaluation.

Failure to comply with proposal requirements described in the prospectus will constitute an invalid application.

POLSON TRAFFIC BOXES DESIGN TEMPLATE

