

AKRON PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Call for Art

Voices of Akron | Traffic Control Box Community Showcase

This public artist call is designed to enhance the streetscapes of Akron while celebrating the city's diverse voices and talents. By transforming traffic light control boxes at major intersections into vibrant pieces of public art, we aim to create a truly unique and captivating streetscape for visitors and locals alike. This project is an incredible opportunity to showcase the incredible artistic talent of Akron. We hope you'll join us in this exciting venture!

Participants are invited to explore and express our city's unique character, history, and spirit. The artworks should celebrate the richness and diversity of Akron's communities and contribute to the vitality of our public spaces.

This call is open to Akron residents only.

Contact Information:

For inquiries or assistance, please contact Summer Hall, Cultural Engagement Coordinator at publicart@akronohio.gov or +1 (330) 375-2376.

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Submission Guidelines:

- Submissions must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - Format: Digital designs in vector format (AI, EPS) or high-resolution raster format (JPEG or PNG).
 - Medium: Designs may incorporate any visual art medium suitable for large-scale printing, including but not limited to painting, drawing, digital art, and photography.
 - Technical Specifications for Image Resolution:
 - For raster images (JPEG or PNG), the resolution should be a **minimum of 300 dpi at full scale.**
 - Vector designs (AI, EPS) should be created at actual size with all text converted to outlines or curves.
 - Designs should be scalable without considerable loss of quality to accommodate printing at larger sizes. For photography, extra considerations may apply to ensure the quality of the print.



Example Image of a Traffic Control Box

Selection Criteria:

- Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Artistic Merit: Originality, creativity, and aesthetic quality of the design.
 - Relevance to Theme: Alignment with the theme of "Voices of Akron" and its connection to the city.
 - Feasibility for Large-Scale Printing: Designs must be suitable for high-resolution printing on vinyl wraps and withstand outdoor exposure.
 - Geographic Representation: Consideration of diverse neighborhoods and communities within Akron.

Submission Process:

- Include the following materials in your submission:
 - Portfolio pieces or previously created work proposed for a wrap.
 - Artist statement (maximum 250 words) providing context for the submitted designs and their connection to Akron.
 - Artist biography or CV highlighting relevant experience and ties to Akron.
 - Preferences for neighborhoods in which you would like to have your work displayed.

Incentives and Benefits:

- Selected Participants will have their designs printed and installed as vinyl wraps on traffic light control boxes at major intersections around the city of Akron.
- Participating Participants will receive a single stipend of \$250 per selected piece to support their participation in the project.
- Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their work to a broad audience and contribute to the visual enhancement of Akron's infrastructure within public spaces.

Timeline:

- Call for Participants Opens: April 27, 2024
- **Submission Deadline: May 27, 2024**
- Selection Process: May 28- June 12, 2024
- Notified By: Week of June 24, 2024
- Installation of Wraps: To Be Determined