

The Paint Box Project

City of Ojai Arts Commission

The City of Ojai Arts Commission announces the reopening of the “**Paint Box Project.**” Ojai Valley artists are invited to submit a proposal to transform selected utility boxes located within the City of Ojai into a work of public art. The Paint Box Project will complement and add to Ojai’s reputation as an art-worthy destination while promoting a sense of identity, belonging, and welcoming in our community.

There are three available utility box projects. Applicants may submit a proposal for any or all of the three available sites. Applicants must reside in the Ojai Valley and be 18 years or older.

- A. The Libbey Bowl Boxes:** There are two side by side utility boxes located on the northwest pathway leading toward Libbey Bowl (Photos A-1 and A-2) The boxes are positioned behind the tennis bleachers. (The rear, or back, of the utility boxes is not visible and will not be painted.) The Commission will consider proposals that address both boxes in a unified theme and are relevant to the site.
- . The Libbey Park Playground Box:** (Photo B.) This utility box is located along the path adjacent to the Post Office and near to the children’s playground.
- A. The Ventura Street Box:** (Photo C.) The Ventura Street utility box is on the northeast corner of Ventura St. and Ojai Ave. near the Oaks at Ojai.

Artists are encouraged to visit the sites.



A-1. Libbey Bowl



A-2. Libbey Bowl



B. Libbey Park Playground



C. Ventura and Ojai Ave.

Full Color Rendering: Artists must submit a detailed color rendering of their proposal on an official 8.5 x 14” template. An official template for each utility box is available on-line at www.artsojai.org or may be requested along with the application at City Hall, 401 South Ventura Street.

Requirements: The City will prep and clean the boxes. The artist must apply 2 coats of primer, provided by the City before beginning work. When the project is completed and has been inspected by an Arts Commission member and by City Public Works, an anti-graffiti coating

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(supplied by the City) must be applied by the artist. Paints selected by the artist should be compatible with the anti-graffiti coating.

Selection Process: In keeping with the Public Art Ordinance, a Public Art Jury, appointed by the Arts Commission, will review and recommend projects for each site to the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission makes the final decision.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Experience of the artist(s) with similar-type projects.
- Clarity and workmanship of the proposal template.
- Use of color and design.
- Appropriateness to the location.
- Fun, inspiration, and beauty.
- Reflection of the unique character of Ojai.

Note: Designs may not include advertising, obscenities, religious art, sexual content, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, illegal drug-related content, or convey political partisanship.

Honorarium: Selected artists will receive the following amounts for materials and as an honorarium: Payment will be upon approval by the City and Arts Commission of the finished project.

PROJECT A: Libbey Bowl Boxes: \$2000.00 (two boxes.)

PROJECT B: Libbey Playground Box: \$800.00

PROJECT C: Ventura Street Box: \$1000.00

Timeline: Artist who submit proposals should take note of and be able to adhere to the following timeline:

- **Proposal due date: September 25, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**
- **Proposal winners notified: Friday, October 16, 2020**
- **Project completion date: Friday, Nov. 20, 2020**
- **Tentative Public Opening: Saturday, Nov. 21, 11:00 am**

**Project packets are available at
City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street.
(If picking up an application from City Hall,
ask for a copy of the utility box template you need.)**

An application may also be downloaded at www.artsojai.org