

City of Perris

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City of Perris Utility Box Art Program Guidelines and Policies

1. Program Overview

The City of Perris Utility Box Art Program seeks to transform utility boxes into vibrant works of art by local artists. This program aims to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the city, support public art, and promote local artistic talent. The Public Art initiative aims to promote and support public art, cultivate the City's rich history, promote its diverse culture to preserve its identity, and beautify the city to enhance community vitality in Perris.

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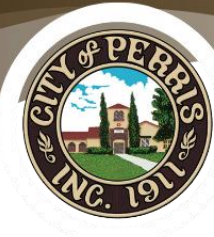
Applicants are required to follow the Utility Box Program Guidelines and Application submission requirements.

2. Artist Eligibility

- a. Eligibility is open to professional and emerging artists. Professional artists who are new to the field of public art are especially encouraged to apply.
- b. Artists must be at least 18 years of age.
- c. Artists must demonstrate a commitment to their craft, and a portfolio of previous work is required.
- d. Entries must include original design and artwork, and suitable for viewing by all ages.
- e. Each artist will be asked to provide a short biography written in third person for marketing purposes, including the City of Perris webpage.
- f. Artists may submit up to three (3) design applications.

3. Selection Process

- a. Artists interested in participating must submit a comprehensive application, including proposed artwork, portfolio, and any other required documentation.
- b. A selection committee, appointed by the City of Perris, will evaluate applications based on artistic quality, concept, feasibility, and adherence to program guidelines.



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- c. Artists and/or organizations will be notified by email with a timeline for installation, if their artwork has been selected.

4. Artistic Concepts

- a. Artists are encouraged to propose original and engaging artwork that meets the City's Public Art Initiative elements. These elements include: history, culture, legacy, architecture, and diversity.
- b. Proposed artwork must be suitable for public display, appropriate for all audiences, and designed with consideration for the vinyl wrap medium.
- c. Artists may be asked to collaborate with the City on concept adjustments to ensure alignment with the program's goals.
- d. Art should be visible from a distance.
- e. Subject matter of the artwork must be relevant and representative of the unique aspects of each site location.
- f. The Artist must not use artificial intelligence or generative AI to create any part of the Artwork.

5. Location Selection

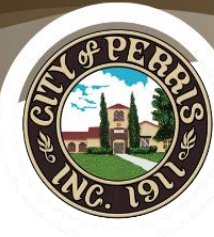
- a. Specific utility box locations will be determined by the City of Perris.

6. Artwork Creation and Installation

- a. Selected artists will be responsible for creating and digitally rendering their artwork, which will then be printed on vinyl wrap.
- b. The City of Perris is responsible for obtaining any necessary approvals and ensuring compliance with safety regulations during installation.
- c. The City of Perris will coordinate the application of vinyl wraps onto utility boxes.
- d. The City reserves the right to remove, replace or adjust the artwork as necessary for the duration of the project and/or the artwork.
- e. Artist will be responsible for working with the printer/installer of vinyl wraps to assist in adjusting all artwork, files, and necessary materials for printing and installation on the utility boxes.

7. Stipend and Budget

- a. Artists will receive a \$300 stipend per artwork, up to three (3) artworks if selected. The amount of which will be determined by the City of Perris and communicated to artists upon selection.
- b. Funding for materials, printing, installation, and stipends will be provided by the City, subject to budget availability.



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- c. Upon selection of the design and execution of the agreement, the artist will receive an initial payment of funds of 50%, with the remaining 50% paid upon completion.
- d. Upon selection the artist will be requested to submit further documentation including but not limited to, W-9.
- e. Payments shall be issued in accordance with the City's regular payment schedule of a net 30 policy.

8. Community Engagement

- a. Artists are encouraged to engage with the local community and seek input on their proposed artwork.
- b. Community workshops and events may be organized to involve residents in the artistic process.

9. Maintenance and Restoration

- a. The City of Perris will assume responsibility for the long-term maintenance and preservation of the vinyl-wrapped artwork.
- b. Artists may be consulted for necessary repairs or restoration of work, as needed.
- c. The City of Perris may provide the artist with the general specifications of the utility box assigned to them.

10. Copyright and Ownership

- a. Artists will retain copyright to their artwork, but the City of Perris will have the right to reproduce and display the artwork for public purposes and may be subject to agreement.

11. Compliance with City Regulations

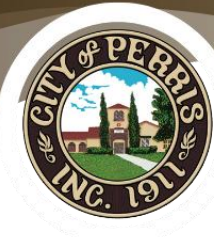
- a. Artists must adhere to all relevant City of Perris ordinances, codes, and regulations during the creation and installation of their artwork.

12. Timelines

- a. Detailed project timelines, including application deadlines, artwork creation, and installation schedules, will be communicated to participating artists.

13. Public Relations

- a. Artists may be requested to participate in public relations activities, including interviews, photo shoots, and dedication ceremonies.
- b. Artwork may be used in public relations activities, including social media, press release, etc., for program promotion and marketing purposes.



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14. Amendments and Termination

- a. The City of Perris reserves the right to amend or terminate the program at any time, with a 10-day notice to participating artists.
- b. The City of Perris reserves the right to replace, adjust, or remove any art as necessary from any utility box within the city with noticeable time to the artist.
- c. Any disputes between the City of Perris and participating artists will be resolved through mutual negotiation and understanding.

15. Application Submission

- a. Applications are available to view at www.cityofperris.org/publicart
- b. Artists must submit their applications and proposals via online submission
- c. Artwork should be submitted in ".jpeg, .jpg, .svg, .ai, .eps or .pdf" format.
- d. Reference Appendix I for application.
- e. Artwork submissions must be minimum resolution dpi of 72 at actual size or scaled in size accordingly (Scale 1:1 = 100 dpi, Scale 1:2 = 150 dpi, Scale 1:4 = 300 dpi, Scale 1:10 = 600 dpi)
- f. Artwork submissions should not exceed 300 dpi at actual size
- g. All RGB files must be converted into CMYK (if applicable)

16. Contact Information

- a. For inquiries, submissions, and additional information, please contact the City of Perris Public Art Team at publicart@cityofperris.org.

APPENDIX I



Utility Box Art Program Application

The City's mission is to provide superior public service that enhances the quality of life for its residents. The Utility Box Art Program supports stipends to selected local artists through an application process to support vibrant works of art that aim to support public art, cultivate the city's rich history, promote its diverse culture to preserve its identity, and beautify the city to enhance community vitality.

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Applicants are required to follow the Utility Box Program Guidelines and Application submission requirements. The completed application form with the required documents should be submitted online, accessible at www.cityofperris.org/publicart. Application submission does not guarantee approval.

INSTRUCTIONS

Artists interested in participating must complete an application and submit electronic copies of their work. All entries must be original artwork. Submissions will be evaluated using the established selection criteria found in the Utility Box Program Guidelines, Sections III and IV.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The submittal requirements provide the basic information necessary for review by staff. City staff may determine that additional information is required before further processing can take place.

- a. Completed and Signed Utility Box Application Form.
- b. Proposed artwork incorporating Perris Utility Box element(s), see Section IV on Utility Box program guidelines.
- c. Proposed artwork description.
- d. Portfolio of Artist's previous work including a biography and four (4) examples.

TIMELINE

- **Application Opens:** September 25, 2025
- **Informational Workshop:** September 25, 2025
- **Application Deadline:** November 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- **Selection Process:** December 2025

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ARTIST INFORMATION

Applicant Name (First, Last): _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

E-mail : _____ Phone Number:(____)

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Website URL (if applicable): _____

Social Media Handle (if applicable): _____

Are you (the Artist) a resident of the City of Perris? Yes ___ No ___

(Artist does not have to be a City of Perris resident to participate in program).

Preferred Method of Contact: Mobile Phone E-mail

PROPOSED ARTWORK INFORMATION/ SPECIFICATIONS

Artwork Title: _____

Artwork Description: _____



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AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

Applicant and legal owner of the property hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Perris (“City”) and its agents, officers, attorneys and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding (collectively referred to as “proceeding”) brought against the City related to the proposed artwork and the application for the approval thereof. This indemnification shall include, but not limited to, damages, fees and/or costs awarded against the City, if any, and cost of suit, attorney’s fees and other costs, liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with such proceeding whether incurred by applicant, the City, and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding.

- I have read and understand the requirements.
- I certify all submittal artwork is original and I authorize the City of Perris to utilize selected artwork for program purposes, including utility box wrapping, and marketing of program.

Applicant Name (Print) _____

Applicant Signature : _____ **Date:** _____

| Application Checklist | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed and Signed Utility Box Application <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed artwork incorporating Perris Utility Box element(s), see Section IV on Utility Box Program Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Artwork Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio of Artist’s previous work including a biography and four (4) examples. <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Materials (e.g., videos, links, presentations, etc.) if applicable |
| Follow- Up Items | |
| Selected applicants will be required to submit the following documents upon selection. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Artwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Artwork (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business License (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |