

Call for Entries

Public Art on the Greenway Trail in Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Project Title: Greenway Trail Public Art Initiative

Location: Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Proposal Deadline: May 15, 2026

Project Budget: Up to \$5,000

1. Project Description

The Hopkinsville Art Guild is seeking proposals from artists or artist teams to design, fabricate, and install permanent or semi-permanent public art along the Greenway Walking Trail. The goal is to create innovative, thoughtful artwork that also may reflect the local culture, nature, agriculture, or history of the Pennyriple region, and create a sense of place.

- Artistic Medium: Mosaic tiles, metal, glass, wood, photography, stone, concrete, or paint. These may be used to create sculptures, murals, footpaths, plantings or functional art (e.g., artistic benches).
- Key Themes: No required thematic expectations for subject matter, but they may take inspiration from regional history, agriculture, nature, local wildlife, literary heritage, community heritage or contemporary / non-objective and abstract works. Please avoid inflammatory political or social commentary as this a public, family friendly trail.
- Environment: The artwork must withstand Kentucky's weather conditions (rain, humidity, wind, freezing temperatures).

2. Scope of Work

The selected artist(s) will be responsible for:

- Creation of a design plan appropriate for one of the three trail head locations.
- Possibly refining the design based on review by Selection Committee

- Fabricating the artwork off-site or on-site.
- Installing the artwork, including all site preparation, foundation work, and safety measures.
- Providing a maintenance plan for wear on their creation if not permanent.

3. Eligibility

- Open to professional artists or artist teams.
- Experience with large-scale outdoor, weather-resistant installations is required.
- While not required, priority may be given to artists residing in Kentucky or the surrounding region.

4. Submission Requirements

Interested artists must submit the following:

- Cover Letter: Outlining interest and artistic approach.
- Conceptual Proposal: Detailed description, sketches, or 3D renderings of the proposed artwork.
- Project Timeline: Including fabrication and installation dates.
- Budget: Detailed breakdown of artist fees, materials, transportation, and installation costs.
- Resume/Portfolio: 5 or more images of previous relevant projects.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by a Selection Committee based on:

- Artistic Merit: Quality and creativity of the concept.
- Site Suitability: Durability, safety, and appropriateness for the trail environment.
- Community Impact: How well the art resonates with key themes and inspirations.
- Feasibility: Ability to complete the project within the budget and timeline.
- Durability: Materials must endure high humidity and varied temperatures.
- Involving local individuals, schools or neighborhood groups is highly regarded.

- Environmental Impact: Consider how the installation affects local flora/fauna.

6. Site Information

- Site Locations: (See photos below)
 - Library Trail Head, 1101 Bethel Street, amphitheater at Little River
 - North Drive Trail Head 450 North Drive
 - Pardue Lane Trail Head, 151 Pardue Lane, Dog Park and Rotary Park.
- Dimensions: Should be appropriate for outdoor exhibition
- Security: Trail heads all are well lit with surveillance cameras, and nearby call boxes.

North Drive Trail Head, 450 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY - 3 views



Library Trail Head, 1101 Bethel Street - 3 views



Pardue Lane Trail Head, 151 Pardue Lane, Hopkinsville, KY - 3 views



7. Estimated Schedule

March 23, 2026 - Call to Artists Posted

May 15, 2026 - Application submission deadline

May 22, 2026 - Panel review, selection, and notification of finalists

TBA - Project installation

8. Contact Information

Direct all questions and submissions to:

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