

SteamPlant Pedestrian Crossing

Call For Entries



Background

Salida's historic downtown is nestled on the Arkansas River. You could as easily read an article in the New York Times Travel Section, Southwest Art or Sunset Magazines heralding how, in the 1980s, artists relocated to Salida and catalyzed the transformation of a downtown in disrepair into a vibrant hub of creative activity, commerce and community.

Salida is recognized as a state leader in the arts and was recently named an official Creative District by Governor Hickenlooper. Evolution of the district is due to both a municipality committed to emphasizing an existing historic downtown as a center of commerce, and to a strong contingent of creative enterprises reusing the existing built environment to live, work and conduct business. Salida's unique growth, during the recent economic downturn, is due to a community comprised of numerous arts, cultural and non-profit organizations, and a city government that have transformed the neighborhood into a focal point for attracting visitors and celebrating and strengthening the town's unique identity.



Project Description

The City of Salida is looking for an artist/artists, contractors, architects, or designers to design and construct a pedestrian bridge or crossing to connect the existing sidewalk in front of the SteamPlant across Ditch Creek. The City will install a stamped concrete brick crosswalk to connect the new crossing to the existing sidewalk to the east of the boat ramp. The artist/artists selected will be required to work with an engineer on final designs. The use of the crossing will be primarily for pedestrians. The bridge structure will be incorporated as a piece of public art, "Bridge as Art". A combination of materials may be used to incorporate the City's character, such as wood, metal, brick or stone. A key goal of the City of Salida is to have the piece be congruent to the use of the site and surrounding area. The bridge or crossover should also provide seating area equivalent to two park benches. The timeline for project completion is 60 days from notification of selection. Applicants are encouraged to visit the site and make a connection to our history, people and place.

Who can submit proposals?

The project is open to Chaffee, Saguache and Fremont County artists, contractors, architects, or designers. Up to three finalists will be selected. Finalists will be provided with a small honorarium to conduct research, develop final proposal materials, and present their proposals to the City of Salida City Council. The City of Salida has budgeted \$30,000 for the piece selected. If no proposal is determined to be appropriate, the City of Salida may decide to reopen the selection process.