

# **CITY OF CORNING**

## **UTILITY BOX ART PROGRAM**

The City of Corning is seeking proposals from artists to showcase their work on this project by painting utility boxes throughout Corning. The goal of the project is to enhance the beauty and vibrancy of Corning, deter unsightly graffiti, and bring art to unexpected places.

### **Project Guidelines**

- Art must cover all viewable sides and the top of the box.
- Do not block or restrict vents or airflow.
- Boxes must remain fully accessible to City maintenance crews.
- The artist will provide all art supplies to complete the project. An anti-graffiti clear coat to protect the art upon completion will be applied by the City.
- Do not paint the concrete pedestal, if present.
- Artists under 18 must have a parent/guardian signature.
- City Staff may assist in artwork ideas
- Installation must be completed by November 14, 2025, but cannot begin until designs are approved and all forms are completed.
- No copyrighted or trademarked images will be accepted.
- Artwork must be original, appropriate for all audiences, respectful, and politically sensitive.
- Artist's name (max size: 3" x 5") may be included on the box.
- Final artwork becomes property of the City of Corning, with waiver of rights under VARA and CAPA.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Artwork that relates to the location of the utility box and the surrounding area.
- Artwork that emphasizes Corning's unique characteristics, historic heritage, or key activities.
- Minimum of 2 examples of artwork must be included in the application (digital files can be emailed to [cmeeds@corningca.gov](mailto:cmeeds@corningca.gov))
- Although price is important, it is not the only determining factor.

**Deadline to apply:** September 26, 2025, at 5:00pm

#### **Submit Applications to:**

City of Corning

794 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Corning, CA 96021 Or via email to [cmeeds@corningca.gov](mailto:cmeeds@corningca.gov)

Any questions please contact City Hall at (530) 824-7029

# Artist Interest Application

## Utility Box Art Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any experience you have working on a large scale: \_\_\_\_\_

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Price per utility box including supplies: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (although price is important, it is not the only determining factor)

Preferred Medium & Style: \_\_\_\_\_

List ideas for art on Utility Boxes (not all ideas will be accepted):

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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***PLEASE NOTE: You must submit this completed application along with two examples of proposed artwork. Please read the “Project Guidelines” document for detailed instructions. All requirements must be met, or the application may be removed from consideration.***

## TERMS OF SUBMISSION

I agree that: (1) my submission(s) and their contents will automatically become the property of the City of Corning, with no compensation to me; (2) The City of Corning may use or redistribute the submissions and their contents for any purpose and in any way; (3) there is no obligation for the City of Corning to review the submission; and (4) there is no obligation to keep any submissions confidential. Further, I agree to waive any and all rights in the Visual Artists Rights Act, 17 U.S.C §§106A and 113(d) ("VARA"), the California Art Preservation Act, Cal. Civil Code

§§ 987 and 989 ("CAPA"), including but not limited to rights of attribution and rights to removal or possession.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian (if artist is a minor, Parent Signature is also required)*

## DISCLAIMER

I have read the attached information and agree to the rules & regulations stated. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, the City of Corning, Its Council, Officers, Employees, and Commissions, for any loss or liability which results or is alleged to have resulted from my participation in this event, including any claim arising out of the applicants entry, acts, or omissions in said contest or any accident, injury or damage involved therein, including but not limited to attorney fees and court costs. I have read and fully understand these policies. I am an adult and my signature is below.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian (if artist is a minor, Parent Signature is also required)*

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