



LOS ALAMOS

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### Los Alamos Senior Activity Center Security Gate

#### October 29, 2024

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The Los Alamos County Art in Public Places Board (APPB) is inviting artists to submit proposals to create a distinctive art piece that serves a dual purpose: a secure gate for the Betty Ehart Senior Activity Center that ensures safety while also enhancing the visual appeal of the area. Although APPB is soliciting suggestions and recommendations for artwork to meet this need, please be aware that they are not bound to make selections or purchases from this solicitation effort. All submissions become public documents upon receipt.

### Location

The Betty Ehart Senior Activity Center is located at 1101 Bathtub Row, Los Alamos, New Mexico. The location for the proposed gate is at the base of the outdoor stairs on the building's North side. This stairwell overlooks a patio area designated for LARSO activities and is adjacent to a planned space for a future outdoor classroom at the neighboring library to the West.

### Concept

The APP Board seeks an artistic gate that balances functionality and aesthetic appeal. This gate will secure the stairwell from outside access while providing a safe emergency exit from within. It should not only serve its practical purpose but also enhance the beauty of the surrounding area. The design must include the necessary hardware for installation, along with a provision for attaching a panic/crash bar (to be supplied by the County) on the gate's backside.

All artists are encouraged to visit the proposed site at the Senior Activity Center to gain inspiration and insight into the designated space. APPB Members and Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization (LARSO) staff drew inspiration for this project from "Odetta," an artistic gate created by K.R. (Cricket) Ernst at the Mesa Public Library. While "Odetta" serves as a source of inspiration, we welcome a diverse range of creative expressions that may vary significantly from this example and reflect your unique vision.

For additional context, "Odetta" is located at the West entrance of the Mesa Public Library at 2400 Central Ave, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The estimated budget for this project is capped at \$30,000, which includes the costs for the artwork, installation, and any additional related expenses.

### Dimensions of the Proposed Gate

Height: 106 inches

Width: Maximum of 55.75 inches

Depth: Maximum of 9 inches

### Materials and Installation

The materials used for this exterior artwork must be durable enough to withstand Los Alamos weather in all seasons. All proposed artworks should have an expected life of at least 20 years. Los Alamos County will install the finished gate with the aid of the selected artist; however, the artist is to include installation description and specifications.

### Maintenance

The County will provide all ongoing maintenance; the artist should include a description and schedule of recommended routine maintenance.

### Lighting and Landscaping

No lighting or landscaping is necessary for this project.

### Guarantee of Workmanship

For a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the artwork by the County, the artist will be expected to warrant and guarantee all workmanship and materials used in the work.

### Purchase Agreement

The selected artist will enter into a formal purchase agreement with the County.

## Insurance

Once selected, the artist shall obtain and maintain insurance of the types set out below throughout the term of the Purchase Agreement with an insurer acceptable to the County. Amounts and other details will be provided in the actual Purchase Agreement.

- Commercial General Liability Insurance
- Workers' Compensation
- Automobile Liability Insurance for Artist and its Employees

## Criteria to be used by the APPB in the Evaluation Process

- Quality of workmanship
- Reputation and/or recognition of the artist or artists
- Appropriateness of the art for the proposed location
- Maintenance requirements for the art
- Security factors (theft, vandalism, etc.) and public safety
- Price/Additional costs

## Entry Package and Submittal Procedure

1. Begin with your name, address, phone number, and email address. Follow with an introductory paragraph- a general descriptive narrative of the artwork being proposed.
2. Provide a detailed description of the proposed piece, including an explanation of why you think this medium, and image(s) are appropriate for this project.
3. Each entry package must be clearly labeled with the artist's name, your name (if not the artist), title of the artwork, size (height, width, and depth), approximate weight, and description of materials used. Please provide as much information as possible to give the APP Board a complete explanation of the recommended artwork. Initial evaluation of the proposed project will be solely based on the information you submit in the entry packet. Semi-finalists may be given an opportunity to give an oral presentation to the APP Board.
4. Color photograph or rendering of the proposed artwork – not to exceed 11" x 17". Please include

at least one digital image or photo of at least 300 dpi showing the work.

5. Include the artist's resume and photos of their work, work in a similar style, and/or similar projects in other communities.
6. Description, specifications and technical requirements for installation at the specific location.
7. Explanation of anticipated timeframe of project- from start, through installation.
8. Description and schedule of recommended routine maintenance. Please address any possible public safety concerns.
9. Proposed purchase price (if known) or an estimated price range.
10. Submit a separate Entry Package for each proposed piece or recommendation with the items listed above, including all images, and supporting material by email to: [chelsea.ashcraft@lacnm.us](mailto:chelsea.ashcraft@lacnm.us). If your e-mail is returned as "undeliverable," please try re-sending your proposal components in multiple e-mails.

If you are unable to submit it via email, please send it to: APPB Staff Liaison, Los Alamos County 1000 Central Avenue, Ste 310, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

11. Entry packets but must be **received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday December 6, 2024.**

## Questions

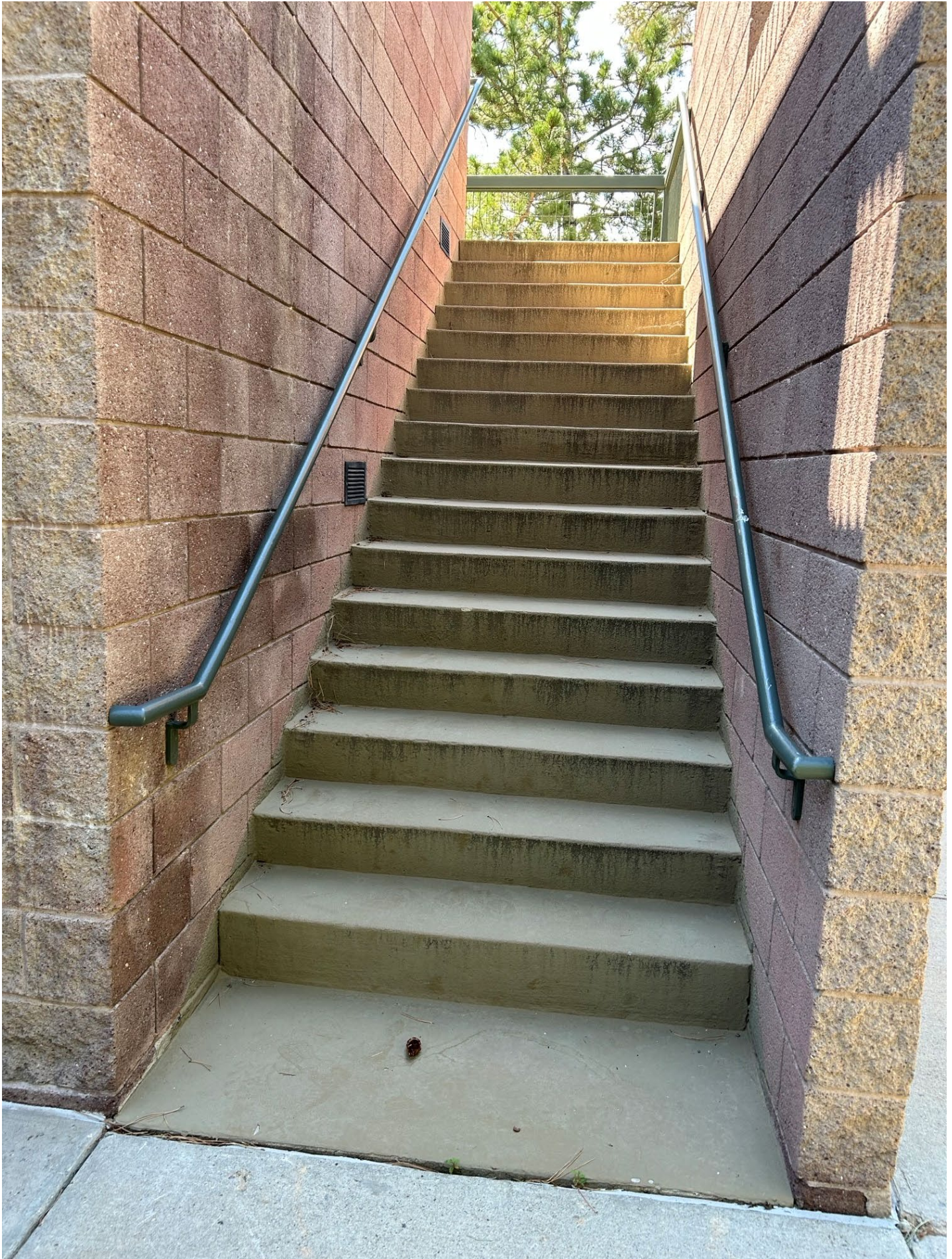
Please direct any questions to:  
Chelsea Ashcraft  
(505) 662-8261  
[chelsea.ashcraft@lacnm.us](mailto:chelsea.ashcraft@lacnm.us)

The Los Alamos County Art in Public Places Board serves in an advisory capacity and makes recommendations to the County Council, who has the authority to accept or reject the APP Board's recommendations.

**The Los Alamos County Art in Public Places Board thanks you in advance for your interest in this project. We look forward to your innovative designs!**



**Images of Location and Measurements:**















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