

## **Central Bank of Boone County**



### **Request for Qualifications Downtown Bank 8<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance**

**Deadline to Apply: May 31, 2022**

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Central Bank of Boone County invites artists to apply for a public art project located at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the bank's main location in Downtown Columbia, Missouri. The bank seeks an artist or artist team to create new site-specific, original, public artwork(s) for the exterior of the building. Works in a variety of weather-resistant, durable media and forms will be considered. The bank does not wish to consider pieces featuring water. At this point, artists should submit qualifications only, not a design proposal. Once an artist is selected, they will propose a work for the site.

#### **About the Downtown Bank**

Central Bank of Boone County was established in 1857 and the Downtown Bank at 8<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Downtown Columbia, Missouri, was dedicated in 1917. In 1969 a major, modern addition to the building was constructed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, creating what became known as "The Fountain Lobby" so named because of a water feature at the entrance. In 1971 a sculpture named "People" was added to the site.

Unfortunately, after more than 50 years of wear and tear, "People" had to be removed due to significant damage despite many years of remediation. With the removal of the artwork, the fountain was also removed due to significant water damage and other environmental concerns.

With a strong commitment to the community and a long history of dedication to the arts, the bank wishes to commission a new work for the very public space. One that will one day be as iconic and beloved as its previous tenant.

## The Site

View of the Downtown Bank at 8<sup>th</sup> (left) and Broadway (front).



Full view of 8<sup>th</sup> Street side of the Downtown Bank.



Close view of 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance with art location.



## **The Budget**

The budget for the art at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the Downtown Bank is \$15,000. The amount must include all artist fees, materials, fabrication, shipping and installation.

## **Artist Eligibility**

The project is open to all artists and artist teams, 18 years of age or older residing in the continental United States. Professional artists with experience in the field of public art are encouraged to apply. All applicants, regardless of race, sex, religion, nationality, origin or disability will be considered.

## **Artist Selection Process**

A committee comprised of bank personnel and community leaders will review applications and choose finalists. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of artistic and technical merit and strength of past work. Relevant work in the field of public art is desired. The number of finalists is not pre-determined.

These finalists may then be invited to interview with the panel, tour the site and submit a one-page concept proposal within 30 days after their visit. Expenses for this visit as well as a \$200 honorarium will be provided.

## **Application Process**

To be considered, please submit the following by May 31, 2022:

1. Current resume
2. Contact information for two professional references
3. A maximum of ten images of completed works or projects.
4. An image list that corresponds to the images with the title of the work, medium, dimensions, year of completion, project location and budget.
5. A statement of interest of no more than 500 words.

## **Application Deadline**

Applications can be mailed or submitted electronically by May 31, 2022 to:

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If you have questions about this project or need further information, please contact Mary Wilkerson at [mary.wilkerson@boonebank.com](mailto:mary.wilkerson@boonebank.com) or 573-874-8534.