



Bowman County

Mural Beautification Grant

Bowman has embraced mural art over the last few years as a vibrant way to enhance our community's visual appeal. This mural grant program complements existing beautification efforts, including the Downtown Revitalization Facade Grant, the Commercial Signage Program, and recent tree plantings along Highway 12 and Main Street. By supporting murals along our most visible corridors, we aim to encourage creative placemaking, inspire pride among residents, and inspire visitors to stay longer and explore.

Eligibility

- Murals must be located on Highway 12, Highway 85, or Main Street (including alley-facing walls).
- Projects must be located on commercial properties within Bowman city limits.
- One grant per property.
- Mural work must be pre-approved by BCDC.
- Final mural must match the approved design to receive reimbursement.
- Murals must be on an exterior wall visible from the outside of the property.
- Business names are not eligible for murals.

Who Can Apply

- Local artists or artist teams
- Non-profits or community organizations
- Businesses

Funding

- Up to \$750 per mural.
- Approved projects may receive funding for up to 90% of eligible costs, with a maximum award of \$750.
- Funding will be distributed in two parts: up to 50% of the approved grant amount will be paid upfront upon approval, with the remaining balance reimbursed after successful completion and inspection of the mural.
- Funding may be used for artist fees, paint, and painting supplies. It will not cover building repairs or the rental of large equipment (e.g., lifts, scaffolding) unless pre-approved.

Program Requirements

- Completed application.
- Drawing and/or digital rendering of the proposed mural, including dimensions.
- Photograph of the proposed building/wall.
- Description of how the wall will be prepared (e.g., cleaning, priming).
- List of proposed paint colors, brand/type of paint, and protective coating.
- Artist biography and quote for the project.

- Estimated project timeline (must be completed within 12 months).
- Signed building owner agreement if the applicant is not the property owner (template available upon request).
- Mural must remain up for a minimum of 5 years.
- Must be original work (no reproductions or copyrighted images).
- Must avoid political, religious, or offensive content.
- Mural must be sealed with a weather-resistant or graffiti resistant top coat.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a small committee to ensure artistic merit, appropriateness for public spaces, and alignment with the goals of the program. Murals must be family-friendly, non-political, and non-commercial in nature. Applicants will receive a Notice to Proceed upon approval. Any murals started before official approval are ineligible for funding.

The mural will be judged off of the following selection criteria:

- Artistic quality.
- Community relevance.
- Feasibility and durability.
- Experience of the applicant.
- Diversity of style and location across projects.

All mural projects are subject to BCDC approval. BCDC reserves the right to reject any application, design, or modification for any reason and at any time.

Reimbursement

After mural completion, applicants must submit photographs of the completed work, copies of paid invoices, and receipts. A final inspection will verify that the mural matches the approved design before the remaining funds are reimbursed.

City of Bowman Restaurant and Lodging Tax provided 100% of funding.

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Application Form



GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Name:			FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY	
Owner Name:			Date App Received:	
Physical Address:			Award Approved or Denied:	
Mailing Address:			Funding Amount Approved:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Receipts Received:	
Work Phone:			Reimbursement Given:	
Email:				

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Owner Name (if different):			
Property Address (mural location):			
The property is on <input type="checkbox"/> Highway 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Highway 85 <input type="checkbox"/> Main Street/Main Street Alley			
Wall Material:			

PROJECT DETAILS

Mural Title:	
Proposed Start Date:	
Expected Completion Date:	
Brief Description on Mural Theme/Concept:	
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$	
Grant Amount Requested: \$	
Artist Name:	
Artist Phone:	
Artist Email:	
Artist Social Media/Website:	
Local Artist? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Paint type/brand and protective sealer details:	

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Mural Drawing/Rendering with Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Quote
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of the Proposed Wall/Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Building Owner Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Artist Bio	<input type="checkbox"/> W-9

I hereby declare that all the above provided information is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Application is to be filled out in its entirety. All requested information will be used to process the application. The checklist should also be completed prior to submission. Please do not leave any blank areas. If it does not apply to you, please draw a line through that section. All receipts must be submitted prior to reimbursement.