

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN SEEKING APPROVAL FOR A  
MURAL IN MORGANTOWN**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Morgantown wishes to support efforts to develop public art and murals throughout the community and support downtown revitalization and beautification efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council recognizes the importance of arts and culture in economic development, quality of life, tourism development, educational opportunity, and civic involvement; and has identified “Arts and Culture” as a strategic goal of the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Morgantown Department of Arts & Cultural Development issued a national call for artists to design and install a mural on the Westover Bridge Pier at the riverfront in Morgantown contributing to the aesthetics and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** artist Rafael Blanco was recommended by a Public Art Advisory Panel of community stakeholders and approved by the Cultural Arts Commission to design and install a mural on the Westover Bridge Pier; and

**WHEREAS,** an application approved by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways would allow the City and Department of Arts & Cultural Development to install a newly commissioned mural at the riverfront.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Morgantown, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, that City Council and the Mayor do hereby SUPPORT and ENCOURAGE an application in the form attached to this Resolution be submitted by the Arts & Cultural Development Department to the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of to seek approval for the placement of mural on the Westover Bridge Pier located between the Walnut Street landing and Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF ART WITHIN DOH RIGHT-OF-WAY**  
**(NOTE THAT DOH MAY REJECT OR RETURN APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL ITEMS OR INFORMATION REQUESTED/INDICATED)**

Date of Application:

Tuesday, February 01, 2022

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION: **CITY OF MORGANTOWN ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

A. Applicant is of which type of political subdivision:

Municipality  County agency  State agency  Other political subdivision

1. If submitted by a municipality, application is to include a City resolution expressing support of the proposal—City Resolution included?  Yes  No  N/A
2. If submitted by a County agency, application is to include a County Commission resolution expressing support of the proposal—County Resolution included?  Yes  No  N/A

B. Applicant Mailing Address: 389 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505

C. Applicant Telephone: 304-284-7472

D. Applicant Website (if none, indicate "none"): https://www.morgantownwv.gov/

E. Applicant Contact Information:

F. Name of individual with whom WVDOH should coordinate: Choose an item. Vincent Kitch

G. Contact Person Title: Director Arts & Cultural Development

H. Contact Person Email Address: vkitch@morgantownwv.gov

I. Contact Person Mailing Address, if different than applicant mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

II. ART PROJECT INFORMATION:

A. Location of proposed ART project

1. County (if multiple Counties, list all) Monongalia
2. City in Morgantown
3. DOH roadway(s) affected
  - a. to be installed within right-of-way of which route(s) Bridge pier located at Morgantown riverfront near Rt 19 and University Ave.
  - b. to be installed on bridge/structure carrying which route(s) NA
  - c. to be installed on DOH structure along which route(s) NA
4. Location map clearly identifying the proposed location(s) of the ART with respect to the State Highway System and means of access to the ART included (utilize DOH County maps, accessible at <http://www.transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/gti/GIS/MAPS/Pages/WVCountyMaps.aspx>)  Yes  No

B. Provide description/details/plans regarding the ART proposal See attached

C. Provide narrative and conceptual illustration describing the proposed ART and its cultural, historical or other significance to the community  
See attached

D. Conceptual illustration regarding the proposed ART included?  Yes  No

E. Identify any other entities (public or private) with whom applicant has coordinated the development of this ART proposal (e.g., local art council, community organizations, etc.)  
This project was coordinated by the City of Morgantown utilizing a Public Art Advisory Committee of community stakeholders and reviewed and approved by the Cultural Arts Commission to ensure compliance and cohesiveness with the City of Morgantown Mural Program.

F. Indicate who will be installing the ART (applicant employees, volunteers, local artists, etc.)

Artist Rafael Blanco

- G. Describe the physical method(s) by which ART is to be installed (e.g., painted from scaffolding, etc.)  
The artwork consists of an original mural artwork that will be painted from scaffolding or bucket lift.
- H. Identify/describe any proposed utility work or involvement associated with ART proposal (if none anticipate, indicate "none")  
The City will relocate a box of unsecure electrical outlets attached to the bridge pier in conjunction with DOH direction and agreement
- I. Analyses regarding sight distance and clear zone included with this application?  Yes  No
- J. Applicant's plan for maintenance of traffic (including pedestrian facilities) during installation, and during maintenance activities included?  Yes  No
- K. Describe the method and frequency by which applicant will maintain ART after installation  
The mural will be monitored ongoing for damage or grafitti and will be cleaned or repainted as needed to maintain the integrity of the artwork over the life of the piece.
- L. Provide copies of agreements, permits or other documents between applicant and any other party that will be installing ART, regarding any aspect of the installation of ART by other parties, with indemnification of DOH—agreements included?  Yes  No  N/A
- M. Provide copy of certificate of liability insurance covering applicant and any other entity implementing ART project—certificate(s) included?  Yes  No  N/A
1. General commercial liability insurance policy with minimum limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)?  Yes  No  N/A
2. Department added as an additional insured under policy?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Policy with an insurer or agent authorized to do business in West Virginia, as required by applicable law?  Yes  No  N/A
- N. Applicant contacted Miss Utility **Click here to enter a date.**
1. Utility located (or to be located) within area of ART project  Yes  No  
If yes, identify utility(ies) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Utility relocation, adjustment, and/or installation appears to be necessary to implement ART project  Yes  No
3. Applicant acknowledges that applicant accepts responsibility for monthly utility cost associated with ART project  Yes  No  N/A
- O. Applicant's proposed implementation schedule for ART project:
1. Begin work within DOH right-of-way **Friday, April 01, 2022**
2. Complete work within DOH right-of-way **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

III. Printed applications (one original and a CD or USB containing PDF of application) are to be submitted to:  
Commissioner's Office of Economic Development  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Building 5, Room 164  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305