

Maui Public Art Corps | March 2025 RFP

C3. Utility Box Project for Emerging Artists

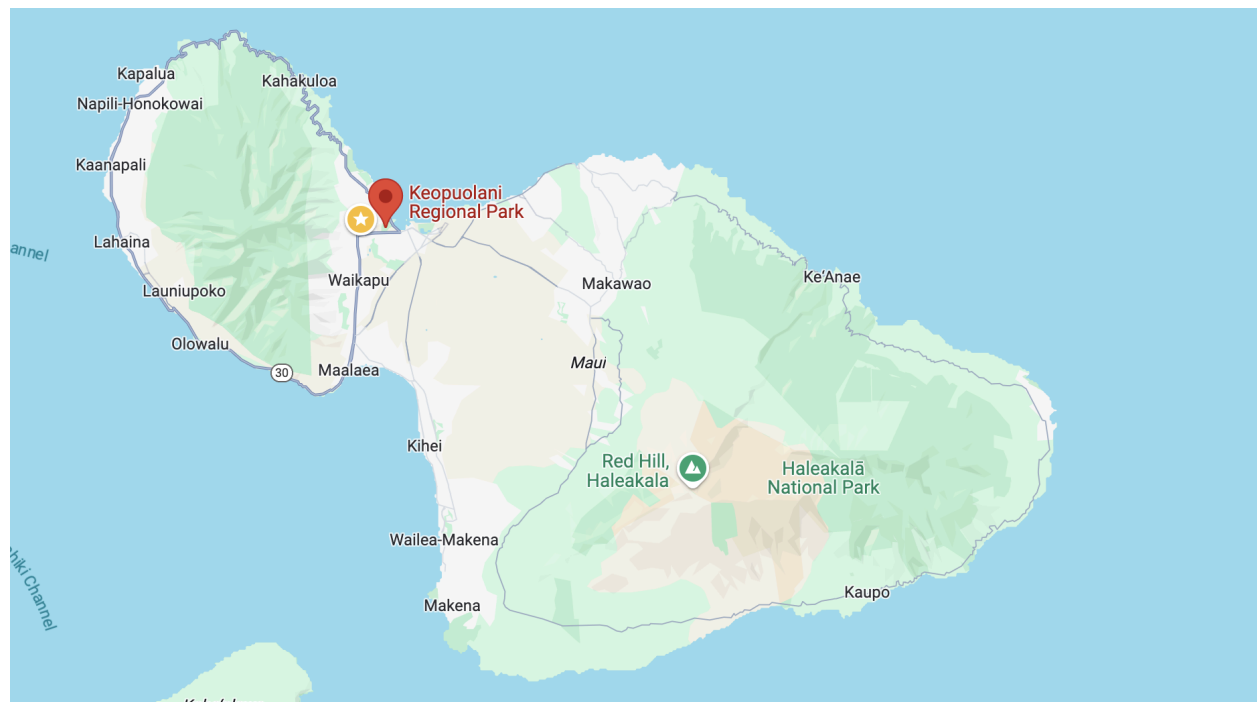
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Overview

We are currently launching a pilot Utility Box Art Project in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Maui. Developed through community interest in providing a career platform for emerging artists, this “incubator” public art project provides early-career artists with the experience needed to successfully compete for and deliver more significant commissions elsewhere in the County of Maui or in other places/towns/cities.

This is a unique opportunity to develop skills while collaborating with county officials, community members and experienced public art facilitators. The goal is to help emerging artists build the experience necessary to successfully compete for and execute larger public art projects across Maui in the future.

Box Site



Several utility boxes at Keolu Regional Park have been approved for this project. The Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Maui will have final approval on artwork designs.

Criteria & Specifications

- The selected artist/s will receive a commission not to exceed \$1,000 per box. No additional compensation will be provided.

- We invite applications from emerging artists who have little to no experience with public art but a strong artistic background in any medium and artists residing in Hawaii who are eager to learn and collaborate.
- This opportunity is limited to Hawaii artists.
- Artists who apply in teams will have the opportunity to work collaboratively on their design. All artists contributing to a team project will receive equal recognition for their artistic input, but will divide the \$1,000 stipend amongst themselves as they desire.
- The work must be completed by May 1, 2025.
- Applicants must include a draft concept design with their proposal that is based on one of the Hui Mo'olelo recordings posted in this RFP.
- Artists must provide all necessary materials, including high-quality, UV-resistant outdoor paints suitable for metal surfaces, paint, brushes, and an approved anti-graffiti coating to protect the artwork from vandalism.
 - Recommended Anti-Graffiti Coating options include, but are not limited to: Modern Masters MasterClear Supreme Ultimate Protective Clear coat in semi-gloss; Sherwin-Williams Anti-Graffiti Coating, PSS 20; or Graffiti Shield Clear Coating, SmartShield®-PS.
- There are several paint supply stores in Kahului, Maui. The closest vendor of Montana spray paint is Ben Franklin Crafts in the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center.

Projected Timeline

- Proposal deadline: Rolling
- Community panel review: On or before April 3, 2025
- Artist contracts executed: No later than April 8, 2025
- Artwork installation deadline: May 1, 2025