



City of Ketchum

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Seeking Qualifications from Professional Artists
City Will Utilize 'Percent for Arts' for Art in Capital Projects

KETCHUM, Idaho — The city of Ketchum seeks qualifications from professional artists for installation of public art into city infrastructure projects. Selected artists will be included in a Prequalified Artist Pool for consideration to place art into a variety of public projects such as sidewalks, chain link fences, building walls and trash cans.

The city of Ketchum devotes 5 percent of public capital improvement budgets to the arts. This is believed to be the highest percentage of any city in the nation. The city previously devoted 1.33 percent to art. The higher figure makes larger projects possible.

Artists will be selected by the Ketchum Arts Commission, whose mission is to integrate arts and culture into the community's life. The deadline for submissions is Mar. 9.

The request for qualifications, providing detailed information on the submission process, can be found at ketchumidaho.org/arts.

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About Ketchum Arts Commission

The city of Ketchum Arts Commission was created in 2007 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community. Among its initiatives are Cover Art, the wrapping of utility boxes in downtown Ketchum and a ski gondola at the Sun Valley Resort; Art on Fourth, an annual sculpture exhibit; Street Art, which features manhole covers designed by local artists; a rotating exhibit of work by local artists in City Hall; and the development of policies and plans for public art in the community. The commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.

About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit ketchumidaho.org.

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