



The City of Edgewater issued a call for artist entries to complete murals on two (2) sides of a prominent City bridge located on Harlan Street between 18th and 20th Avenues in August of 2022. The murals were to be inspired by art from local students and themes from the community.

Background

A few years ago, students at Jefferson High School held a competition for art to inspire murals to be placed on a City bridge. Five (5) winning designs were chosen, but with Covid the project paused. The objective now, with time having passed, is to honor those students by having a local artist draw inspiration from the themes and ideas in their work.

Project Details

- Two (2) murals, or a combination of murals to cover the east and west sides of the bridge located on Harlan Street between 18th and 20th avenues.
- The design areas are approximately 106'x32" (street-facing) and 106'x5" (water-facing).
- A short narrative to accompany the design.
- All designs were approved by Edgewater's HARP Board.

Project Goals

- Honor the artwork of former Jefferson County High School students.
- To enhance the pedestrian environment on the drainageway.
- Beautification of public space.

Design Theme Guidelines

While using their own skills and style, the artist drew inspiration for the murals from local student art, which was provided, and the following themes and motifs that the City has decided to emphasize:

- The Edgewater City logo
- Roger the Elephant (from City folklore)
- Diversity, equity, equality, and inclusion
- Edgewater views (Sloan's Lake, Denver skyline, mountains to the West)
- Sustainability/Nature/Building Roots (as shown in one of the student artworks)
- "City of Choice" (Edgewater motto)
- Welcoming ("Hello" in various languages as shown in one of the student artworks)

Incorporated into the artwork there will be a notice that reads "Artwork Inspired by Jefferson High School students (2019)".

As the most responsive bidder to the *Call for Art*, the Harlan Street Bridge Mural Project has been awarded to Galen Shoe with the Gold Crown Foundation.

Below is the approved artwork:

North, Northwest, and West facing artwork. Approved by HARP at their regular meeting on 1.25.23



South, Southeast, and East Facing Artwork. Approved by HARP at their regular meeting on 3.1.23. Image 1 (script font) to be used with City and Choice capitalized.



Project Timeline

- Mural start date 4/7/23
- Mural completion date 5/24/23
- Unveiling celebration, TBD by artist, HARP Board and Parks and Recreation Director 6/1/23 – 7/1/23