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# BCU Announcement

## BCU ANNOUNCES "CALL TO ARTIST" FOR MAIN STREET MURAL

Medicine Lodge, KS – Barber County United is the proud recipient of the Office of Rural Prosperity's pilot Rural Mural Project. A division of the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Office of Rural Prosperity has awarded Medicine Lodge as one of five rural communities across the state to participate in the pilot year of the Rural Mural Project. The grant supports rural Kansans by enhancing their community's vibrancy by way of public art. Debra Kolb, BCU's Grant Coordinator is the project manager. Courtland, Jetmore, Medicine Lodge, Osawatomie, and White Cloud have been chosen to receive funds for the 2020 year.

Expressing the vibrancy, resilience, and history of the Medicine Lodge area with the addition of a second mural to the red-brick Main Street area will reignite the excitement created by the 2020 introduction of public art to downtown. Public art is an invigorating trend to create enthusiasm in rural communities where historic downtown areas go largely unchanged.

BCU announces partnership with the Medicine Lodge Chamber of Commerce and Jon and Ang McDonald with Blacksheep Roustabout for the project.



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Medicine Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce and Barber County United are seeking a qualified artist to implement a large-scale mural in the Red-Brick Main Street area of Medicine Lodge as part of the Kansas Department of Commerce Office of Rural Prosperity's rural mural program.

Barber County United was awarded a grant to fund the project which is being managed by the Medicine Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce.

Interested artists should send a portfolio and letter of interest to [barbercountyunited@gmail.com](mailto:barbercountyunited@gmail.com) with the subject line "Mural". Applications will be accepted through **Monday, February 21, 2022, 11:59 p.m. CST**. Once all applicants have been reviewed, a MLCOC mural committee will narrow down to the finalist, at which point the design process will begin.

#### Information for Interested Applicants:

- The mural's main theme, the OILFIELD industry, will also reflect the natural beauty of the unique landscape of the Medicine Lodge area and traits which are inherent to the Barber County region.
- The finalist will create their version of the mural art from a selection of photographs provided by the committee.
- Previous mural experience is required for the lead artist
- BCU will provide all reasonable supplies and tools necessary for the completion of the project including paint, brushes/rollers, scaffolding, etc. as well as the muralist fee with the grant funds.
- The mural committee must approve the muralist's final design before implementation.
- As stipulated by the grant, the mural should be completed before June 1, 2022.

Contact MLCOC **Julie Warner 620-886-1786** or BCU **Tom Lee 620-213-1706** with any questions you may have regarding the grant or the mural process.



Barber County United is a local quality-of-life coalition focused on new approaches to rural wellness. The coalition strives to strengthen Barber County communities by bringing its people together to become healthier Kansans.