



**Casa Grande Main Street
Doors to the Past Project
Request for Artists**

Deadline to Submit Application/Proposals – July 17, 2023, 8:00pm

Paper applications mailed to P.O. Box 10062, Casa Grande, AZ 85130

Digital applications emailed to downtown@cmailbox.com

Project Information:

Casa Grande Main Street is seeking new artwork from local artists in order to create “new” Doors to the Past. The Doors to the Past is a staple historic preservation project located in Historic Downtown Casa Grande on the north-east corner of 3rd Street and Florence Street. Completed in 2013, each of the nine (9) doors represents a piece of Casa Grande’s history as interpreted by a local artist. Due to ten (10) years of Arizona weather, these current Doors to the Past are cracking and falling apart. This program is designed to incorporate a wide variety of artists and new interpretations of Casa Grande’s history into the Historic Downtown Casa Grande district.



Specifications:

- Successful proposals will foster community pride and convey a person, place, or idea that is an important part of Casa Grande’s history.
- There are no specific topics for the Doors. However, when designing the artwork artists should research their desired topic and ensure that its historical significance is something that should be publically displayed and boasted in our Historic Downtown. Artwork must be in good taste. Artists are encouraged to visit the Museum of Casa Grande to gain inspiration or learn more on their desired topic. Artists should email info@tmocg.org for Museum and archive information.
- Casa Grande Main Street has seven (7) Doors that must be re-done by members of the community. All proposals will be reviewed by Casa Grande Main Street’s Doors to the Past Committee, and the top seven (7) will be selected.
- Doors will provided by Casa Grande Main Street to the seven (7) artists/groups whose proposals have been selected.



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Criteria for Design and Painting of Artwork

- Designs are for the front of the door, and all 4 sides. The back of the door will not be visible to the community.
- Designs must reflect a historical aspect from Casa Grande's history. Feel free to visit the current Doors to the Past to understand what sort of historical ideas are being requested. Artists are encouraged to visit the Museum of Casa Grande to get inspiration.
- No offensive designs, or designs that contain advertising, sexual or illegal drug content, negative imagery, or convey political messaging.
- Designs may not include any breach of intellectual property, copyrights, trademarks, brands, images of illegal activity or involve the attachment of any objects to the door.

Materials to be Used:

- Acrylic Type Paints

Submittals:

- Open to Pinal County residents and organizations
- Artist proposals must include the following:
 - Design idea
 - Design draft made to scale. Doors are 36in x 80in, and design drafts can be submitted on papers sized: 8x11, 10x14, or 11x17.
 - Written description of why this historical aspect is significant/why it should be represented
 - List of what materials will be used, and cost estimate.
- Selected artists will be required to sign a public art agreement, and will be held subject to all requirements, deadlines, and restrictions.

Schedule:

- **May 15, 2023** – Request for Proposals opens
- **July 17, 2023** – Deadline for proposals by 8:00pm
- **July 24, 2023** – Committee to begin conducting reviews and select artists
- **August 7 - 11, 2023** – Selected artists notified
- **September 3, 2023** – First progress picture due by 8:00pm
- **September 17, 2023** – Second progress picture due by 8:00pm
- **October 8, 2023** – Third progress picture due by 8:00pm
- **October 19, 2023** – Doors must be completed and turned in to Casa Grande Main Street
- **October 28, 2023** – Doors will be hung and visible in Historic Downtown Casa Grande



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Doors to the Past Application

Artist(s) Name(s) (If an organization is working together on one door, please list organization name):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

Historical Topic to be represented on Door to the Past:

Please briefly explain why you chose this topic, and what the significance is to Casa Grande and its history. If there is not enough space, please attach a supplemental page.



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Please list out the paints and materials you plan to use on your Door to the Past, and provide a cost estimate. (Ex. Heavy body acrylic paint, fluid acrylic paint, acrylic spray paint, etc. and number of bottles).

Cost estimate: _____

Door to the Past Design Draft

- **Applicants MUST attach a draft of the design they intent to paint on their Door to the Past**
- **Design drafts should be made to scale. Door dimensions are: 30 inches wide by 80 inches long**
- **Design drafts can be submitted on of the sized papers listed below**
 - **8x11**
 - **10x14**
 - **11x17**