

# CALL FOR ART

## School Storm Inlet Painting Project 2021

### The City of Sioux Falls

#### In Partnership with the Visual Arts Commission

#### **Purpose of Artwork:**

The City of Sioux Falls' storm drainage system is an important public utility and plays a vital role in public safety by quickly collecting water from precipitation before it can accumulate and cause flooding. However, water that moves through the storm drainage system is discharged directly into the Big Sioux River. Since 2016, the City of Sioux Falls has partnered with local businesses, organizations, and individuals to paint murals on stormwater inlets downtown to help raise awareness of the effect stormwater runoff has on water quality. The purpose of this project is to draw attention to the storm drainage system and to educate the public on the connection between stormwater runoff in Sioux Falls and the Big Sioux River. These paintings are intended to bring awareness to potential pollutants such as litter, debris, and hazardous chemicals entering the storm drainage system. This project is intended to involve school-aged children in the education of the general public on water quality issues via the painting of delivered storm sewer inlet lids. Lids will be delivered to schools selected for the program to be painted before the end of the current school year. They will be placed as part of the annual storm sewer inlet rehab project throughout Sioux Falls. To find out more about the project, please visit [siouxfalls.org/green](http://siouxfalls.org/green).

#### **Timeline:**

March 18th, 2021: Project announcement – Information disseminated to schools.

April 16th, 2021, 5:00 p.m.: Submission Deadline

Mid April, 2021: Design Selection

April 21<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Delivery of new inlet lids to schools.

May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 21st, 2021: Inlets picked up for use during inlet rehab.

#### **Design Details:**

The purpose of the design should focus on water quality issues related to waterways or storm drains. The design should warn against undesirable waste in the storm drain, including litter, pet waste, oil, chemicals, and yard waste. Or, the design can communicate how the storm drain leads directly to the Big Sioux River.

Submitted designs must be complete and in color. Schools are encouraged to create simple clean design themes with solid color palettes and limited text. Submissions must include an attachment of one 8.5" x 11" illustration or photograph of the proposed artwork to keep on file. Designs should include the entire top portion of the inlet lid. Manhole covers may also be painted. Artists are asked not to include any copyright characters or designs in their design (e.g., Disney characters, etc.). All designs should be original.

Selected schools will be able to pick up paints from Norberg Paints downtown on East 14th Street free of charge. Please limit color selection to 4 or 5 choices. Photos of the selected and completed storm drains will be posted to the City's website and social media accounts. Inlet covers will be prepped for painting by City staff with a clear or white prime coat.

Please contact the City of Sioux Falls Public Works Environmental division with any questions regarding your design.

**Application Process:**

Submissions may be hand-delivered or mailed to Colin Chatterton at 1017 East Chambers Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or emailed to [cchatterton@siouxfalls.org](mailto:cchatterton@siouxfalls.org) with the subject "School Storm Inlet Painting Submission 2021." **Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 16th, 2021.** The following information must be included for your submission to be considered:

- School Name
- Phone number of responsible person
- Short statement about inspiration for design
- Attached colored 8.5" x 11" illustration or photograph of artwork to keep on file

**Approval Criteria:**

The design submissions will be reviewed by the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission in partnership with the Sioux Falls Stormwater Management Program. Approval will be based on the below questions.

**How is the content or obvious symbolism of the proposed piece of artwork appropriate for those who will view the art?**

**Is the artwork in concert with the theme?**

**Can this artwork be easily done on concrete medium?**

**Contact:**

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