Dover Community Trail Youth Art Contest Details

The **Dover Community Trail** is looking for bold, original concepts for a new piece of public art along the rural stretch of the trail - and we want *fresh ideas* from Dover's youngest residents!

What's in it for you?
One winning design will be chosen, and the artist will receive **$200 in Dover Dollars!**

The selected artist will also receive up to $150 to be used toward purchasing supplies to execute their design.

This is more than a contest, it's a chance to leave your mark on Dover. Ready to make something unforgettable? Dive into the details below.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES	
Eligibility	❑ Under 18; must be enrolled in a Dover school (can be public, private, charter, alternative, etc.) or be a resident of Dover.
Prize	$200 in Dover Dollars* * *The selected artist will also receive up to $150 to be used toward purchasing supplies to execute their design. The artist may submit a shopping list to the City of Dover, which will procure the items for pickup at City Hall.*
Important Dates	● Proposals are due **Friday, June 12**. ● Judging will take place by **Friday, July 10**. ● The artist(s) on the winning proposal will be alerted by **Friday, July 17**. ● The art piece should be finished by **August 31**. *(If additional time is needed by the selected artist to complete the artwork, this timeline can be adjusted)* ● The art piece will be installed in **Fall 2026**.
Media/Materials	The City of Dover will provide either a plywood or metal sign to serve as the canvas for the artwork, depending on the selected artist's preference and considerations for weather resistance. The art piece may be executed as a mural or other painting. This will be a permanent installation. **The selected artist will be responsible for selecting the materials they need to complete the design using the $150 allocated for supplies, including but not limited to paint, brushes, etc.*
Location	On the rural portion of the trail behind and adjacent to the Beckwith Ballfields.
Proposals should include	❑ Signed permission form ❑ Design proposal: Sketch, model, or mock-up ❑ Narrative describing your design (**1 page maximum**) ❑ Completed submission form, including identification of an adult for project support, supervision or guidance as needed

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Judging criteria	✓ Quality, creativity, and innovation of design concept. ✓ Suitability of proposed design to the site. ✓ Feasibility of implementation in 2026.
Publicity	Winners could receive publicity in local news, e-news, and on official city social media channels. This will be discussed and approved by the artist and their parent/guardian.
Submission and selection process	**Please email completed proposals to the Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee (CTAC) at e.bassegio@dover.nh.gov, drop off to the Planning Office in City Hall, or mail to City of Dover, % Erin Bassegio, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820, by 4:00pm, on June 12, 2026.** The CTAC team will review submissions for completeness, and a panel of judges will evaluate submissions based on the criteria outlined above. Questions? Please contact City Planner Erin Bassegio at e.bassegio@dover.nh.gov.
Additional details	**Please note:** Submissions that include logos or copyrighted materials will not be considered or selected. The City of Dover will retain ownership of the final artwork and reserves the right to maintain, repair, or remove the installation at their discretion. The City reserves the right to delay installation based on site conditions.