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City of Chico “Power Up Public Art” Utility Box Program in Downtown Chico Installation Continues

CHICO, CA – July 24, 2025 – The City of Chico and the City of Chico Arts Commission are excited to announce the installation of 7 out of 15 pieces of artwork in the Power Up Public Art Utility Box Program.

As part of this creative endeavor, 15 utility boxes in the downtown area are being transformed into works of art, wrapped in vibrant designs submitted by local artists.

You can check out the completed boxes at the following locations:

6th Street & Main (Box 2) – Sponsored by Explore Butte County-Artist - Penny Poole Oster
4th Street & Main (Box 4) - Sponsored by Explore Butte County – Artist - Lauren Meichtry
2nd Street & Main (Box 6) – Sponsored by DRM Photography – Artist - Donald McGee
1st Street & Broadway (Box 8) – Sponsored by MONCA - Artist - Tim B. Moore
4th Street & Broadway (Box 12) - Sponsored by Hotel Diamond – Artist - Athena Scholm
5th Street & Broadway (Box 13) - Sponsored by Chico Art Center – Artist - Jesse Jentzen
7th Street & Broadway (Box 15) – Sponsored by Shuberts – Artist – Lee Wright

Community involvement is at the heart of the Power Up Public Art Program. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals—are invited to sponsor this project by selecting a utility box and choosing from the curated collection of artwork to be featured. These generous contributions help fund the installation of each wrap, ensuring the program is entirely community-supported.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at the following locations:

7th Street & Main (Box 1)
5th Street & Main (Box 3)
3rd Street & Main (Box 5)
1st Street & Main (Box 7)
2nd Street & Broadway (Box 9)
2nd Street & Salem (Box 10)
3rd Street & Broadway (Box 11)
6th Street & Broadway (Box 14)

Those interested in sponsoring a utility box are encouraged to contact the City Clerk’s Office at 530-896-7250 for more information.

For updates on the program and to view selected artworks, please visit the website or click the link <https://bit.ly/3GBx4MB> .



Box 2 - 6th Street & Main



Box 4 - 4th & Main



Box 6 - 2nd Street & Main



Box 8- 1st Street & Broadway



Box 12 - 4th Street & Broadway



Box 13 - 5th Street & Broadway



Box 15 - 7th Street & Broadway