

Power Box Mural

Artist Brief

July 2026



Project: Affordable Housing Development Power Box Mural

Budget: NZ\$3,000 (inclusive of artist fees, design, materials and installation)

We're seeking an artist to transform a standard power box into a vibrant, welcoming feature at one of our affordable housing developments (Cambridge). The artwork should celebrate community, belonging and optimism while creating something that residents, especially children, will enjoy for years to come.

We're deliberately keeping the brief open. Artists are encouraged to propose original concepts that are imaginative, colourful and engaging. Ideas might include local flora and fauna, nature, play, imagination, storytelling, or abstract designs that bring energy and life to the space.

The artwork should:

- Be bright, positive and family-friendly.
- Appeal to children while being enjoyable for all ages.
- Create a sense of pride and place for residents.
- Be suitable for a public, residential environment.
- Be durable and appropriate for outdoor conditions.

We welcome creative interpretations and encourage artists to submit a concept that reflects their own style and vision.

Deliverables:

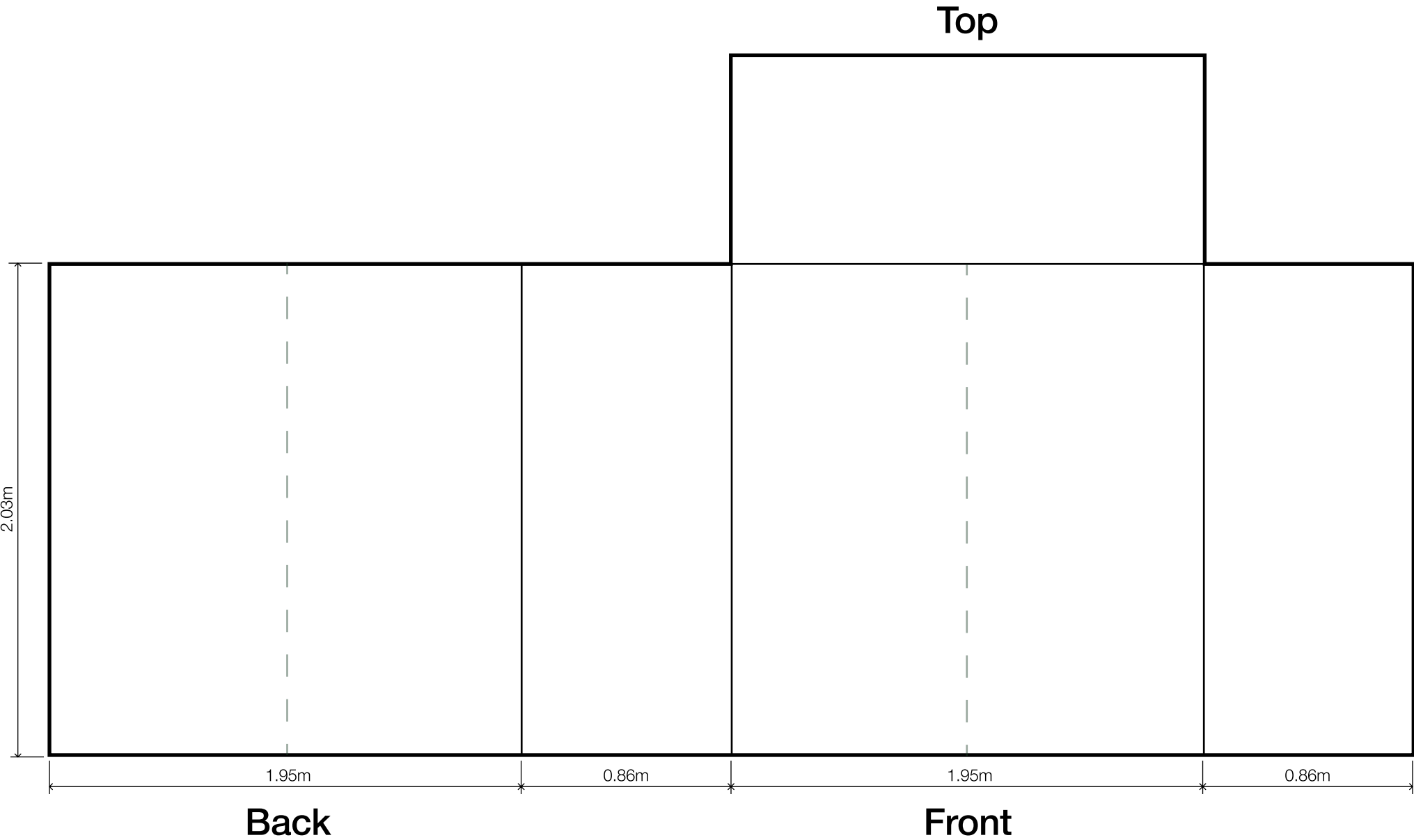
- Concept sketch or visual mock-up.
- Brief description of the inspiration behind the design.
- Installation of the completed artwork.

We look forward to seeing creative ideas that help turn an everyday utility box into something that brings a smile to the community.

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How This Works

Bridge Housing Charitable Trust / Patronage

This document sets out what to expect when applying for and undertaking this commission. Please read it before submitting your application.

Applying

- There's no cost to apply. Submit your application through Patronage by 28 August 2026.
- If your concept isn't selected, it remains yours — we won't use your design.
- We may use images from submissions to promote this open call and to document how the selection process worked (for example, in a case study or social media post about the project). We won't use your work for any other purpose without asking.
- Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

Selection

- Bridge Housing will review all submissions and choose the artist. We'll let everyone know the outcome through Patronage — whether you're selected or not.
- Bridge Housing isn't obligated to select anyone. If none of the submissions are the right fit, the call may be re-opened or paused.

If You're Selected

Budget

- The budget is \$3,000 NZD all-inclusive — that's your fee, materials, surface prep, sealing, and travel. There's no additional funding available from the commissioner, so please budget accordingly.
- Payment is split into two instalments: half when the commission is confirmed, and half when the finished work is signed off.

Preparing and painting the surface

- The box is a powder-coated steel cabinet (~11m² across four faces and the top) sitting outdoors in a residential development.
- You're responsible for preparing the surface properly — degreasing, priming, painting, and finishing with a UV-resistant clear coat that will hold up to the Waikato weather.
- Please don't paint over the safety signage, locks, hinges, or any hardware on the cabinet.
- While you're working, please cordon off the area. This is a housing development and there will be children around.

Before you start

- Once selected, we'll agree on a timeline for completion together.
- Before you begin painting, we'll need to know what products you're planning to use — paint type, primer, sealant. This is just so everyone's on the same page and the finish will last.

Your Design, Your Copyright

- You keep the copyright to your design.
- By taking on the commission, you're giving Bridge Housing permission to photograph and use images of the finished mural — for things like their website, reports, and social media. This is ongoing and doesn't expire.
- You're also giving Patronage permission to photograph and use images of the finished work for portfolio and promotional purposes.

A Few Practical Things

- You're responsible for your own safety while working on site.
- If the cabinet is ever damaged, replaced, or removed, the artwork may be lost. Bridge Housing can't guarantee the work will be there forever — that's the nature of painting on infrastructure.
- Bridge Housing may need to repaint or modify the surface in future for maintenance or safety reasons.
- Ongoing upkeep (weather wear, graffiti, etc.) isn't covered by Bridge Housing. If you'd like to discuss a maintenance arrangement, we're happy to talk about that separately.

Agreement

By submitting an application, you're confirming you've read and are comfortable with everything above. If you're selected, we'll confirm the commission in writing before any work begins.

These terms are governed by New Zealand law.

This open call is managed by Patronage on behalf of Bridge Housing Charitable Trust.