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‘Making Space’ Announces Call for Art

Elgin, IL- “Making Space: a mural and documentary project” by the Elgin Social Justice Collective was announced in the winter of 2020. Now, after having received sponsorships from the Elgin Cultural Arts Commission and the Elgin Human Relations Commission as well as a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the project is ready to move forward with the help of fiscal sponsor and partner, the Elgin History Museum.

The Call for Art searching for the community muralist is [now live](#). The permanent mural will be inspired by the downtown business board ups during the protests in the summer of 2020. The mural will be installed in the pocket park located near 67-69 S. Grove Avenue. A mural artist will design the mural and it will be installed with the community’s assistance, in a paint-by-number fashion.

Images of the board-ups were taken to assist with documenting the project. One of those images was used to create a t-shirt fundraiser for the project. The image, created by artist Cenr (IG: aerobrush_c1), depicts the phrase “Black and Brown Lives Matter.” Shirts are available for purchase [here](#). Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to fund the mural and the new scholarship for local students that have demonstrated an active interest and meaningful involvement in the areas of human rights, civil rights, and social justice.

Keep up to date on the project by liking and following the [Facebook page](#) or checking the [webpage](#) for updates. For more information about the project as well as sponsorship information, contact Amanda Harris at harris_a@cityofelgin.org.

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