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A Leadership Williston project designed to bring public art to the community is entering Phase 2. Phase 1 was completed in 2018 when 14 city-owned traffic signal cabinets were wrapped in vinyl. The wraps showcase the work of local artisans. Phase 2 will beautify 13 more boxes.

Caitlin Pallai, the Leadership Williston student who spear-headed the initial project, said she was encouraged by one of the original artists to expand the vinyl wraps to other areas of Williston.

"Onesti Krieger, one of the artists featured in Phase I, approached me last August about the possibility of a Phase II for this project," said Pallai. "Knowing the amount of positive community response received with Phase I, and that there would likely be continued City support, I was excited to tackle Phase II."

The project is receiving up to \$15,000 from the Williston STAR Fund Community Build/Growth Grant. The Williston City Commission approved the grant at its March 10, 2020 meeting. The individual vinyl wraps range in price from \$600 to \$1445 each.

The Williston Beautification Project will once again work with Clean Slate Group. The Bozeman, Montana firm will create the vinyl wrappings in September with installation set to begin September 23. They have beautified more than 30 communities since 2011.

"There are 13 cabinets being wrapped this year with artwork from 13 artists. Outside of Tycee Evans, all the artists are new," explained Pallai. "New mediums this year include alcohol ink, fabric, stained glass, and a digital art piece in addition to photography, acrylic and others."

Forty-nine artists submitted a total of 130 pieces for review. The five-member selection committee reviewed the art in three phases.

The following are the selected pieces and their locations:

E Dakota Parkway & 1804 | Angler Artillery | Tycee Evans

2nd St E | Hedderich's | John Geyerman

2nd Ave W & 2nd St W | Grain Elevator I | Shanel Locke

2nd Ave W & 6th St W | A New Opportunity | Melissa Krause

6th Ave W & 11th St W | Fairy Garden & Endangered (two on one box) | Chelsie Boykin

9th Ave W & 11th St W | Three Sisters | Alexandra Haskell

Hwy 2 & 11th St W | Mahto | Traci LeVay-Holt

Hwy 2 & 11th St W | Golden Wheat | Kathleen Sinclair

6th Ave W & 18th St W | Sunflower & Cattails (two on one box) | Linda Beard

6th Ave W & 18th St W | Stained Glass Missouri Breaks | Clifton Sundt

6th Ave W & 18th St W (Light of Christ Lutheran Church side) | Kawaii ND | Jennifer Naea

University Ave & 26th St E | Nomad | Jeff Tucker

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Once the new cabinets are wrapped, the total number of wrapped boxes will be 27 in Williston.