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Project Description
It is the Milton Artists’ Guild’s mission to promote and spread the appreciation of the arts. By infusing Milton with outdoor art, they will be achieving this goal. The High School mural would be one of many public art projects that have already been executed by the Milton Artists’ Guild. The mural project could end up being an incredible educational opportunity for our students and a great art guild, school and community collaboration.

Mural Placement
The mural will be featured in front of the east facing wall of the High School, visible from Rt. 7 (see top image on the left). The panels will not be mounted on the wall but will instead be freestanding and positioned away from the wall.

Mural Design
The idea is to showcase three separate pre-painted panels, known as triptych art (see example in the second image on the left). The freestanding design provides greater student participation as well as maintains the integrity and stability of the building. The three panels will be held in place by aluminum posts. Gisela is proposing the panels be approximately 20’ High X 8’ W. Both artists have suggested that the students be part of the design and application process. One suggestion was to have the murals be two-sided so that community members, faculty and students could walk on either side of the panels. This idea, though wonderful, is all dependent on the cost.

Student - Design and Painting Process
Student selection and participation in both the mural design process and the painting process will be discussed at a later date.

Budget/Cost
Gisela estimates that the project will cost less than $10,000 but the end cost will ultimately be determined by the breadth of the project, funding, the artist and the needed supplies. Gisela spoke with the two artists and they will be submitting an approximate cost proposal to the Board. The proposal will also contain information on the materials that they would suggest be used to assure durability, safety and longevity. We should have all of this information by the end of this week.
Possible Funding Sources

- **Grants** - Gisela will be sending us the possible max grant amount awarded by the VT Art Council - Deadline June 3rd. Gisela is also going to research what other art/community connections-engagement grants may be available.
- **Corporate/local sponsorships** - banks, Hannafords, McDonald’s, etc.
- **Milton GoFundMe** - Community donations
- **Town Donation** - VT Community Development Program Funds

Project Promotion

Project Website Features and thank you page to any sponsors/donors, FB posts, Milton Independent or Burlington Free Press Article Collaboration, Local News Story, Unveiling Ceremony Invitations, Student participation recognitions.

Project Timeline

Now through early fall (grants to end product)