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\$5,000 Grant Gives the Green Light for More Wellesley Traffic Box Art

November 30, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) - Wellesley's Traffic Box Art Program continues to grow, both in the number of painted utility boxes beautifying local intersections and in the amount of funds supporting this well-received public art project. A new \$5,000 grant from the [Community Fund for Wellesley \(CFFW\) Al Robinson Fund for the Arts](#) will advance the program and support more artists in the upcoming round. With this grant, the CFFW has awarded a total of \$15,000 since the program began to advance the creation of artful traffic boxes at Wellesley's most traveled intersections and roadways.

The Traffic Box Art Program is the brainchild of Wellesley Police Chief Jack Pilecki. The first boxes were painted in 2020 and since then, the program has expanded to include 14 artist-designed boxes. The Wellesley Public Art Committee (PAC), in partnership with the Wellesley Police Department oversees the program, with the **Al Robinson Fund for the Arts** as lead sponsor and additional funding provided by the Wellesley Cultural Council.

"The grants we've received from the Community Fund for Wellesley and its generous donors are outstanding and have helped grow this program in a very short time," said Chief Pilecki. "The boxes spark conversations – we all have our favorites – and are enjoyed by drivers and pedestrians alike."

Grant money supports local artists, selected via an application process, with a stipend for their creations. "We're proud to be part of this fantastic public art project that showcases the work of local artists and brightens the day of everyone in the community when they see each of these boxes," said Mike Stephens, Chair of the Community Fund for Wellesley.

Artist backgrounds vary widely and so far include high school and college students, professional painters, and a Wellesley College art professor and muralist. Each traffic box is a unique creation reflecting the individual artist's inspiration. Learn more about the Traffic Box Art Program on the [Town of Wellesley website](#) and use [this interactive map](#) for artist information and specific box locations.

About the Al Robinson Fund for the Arts

The Al Robinson Fund for the Arts was established in 2014, honoring the retirement of Albert S. Robinson who served as Wellesley's Town Counsel for 37 years. Grants specifically support artistic expression for the enrichment of the Wellesley community. The Al Robinson Fund for the Arts is a grant program of the Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for Metrowest.

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