

Mural celebrating 39 years of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life slated to be created in Bristol

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BRISTOL – A mural celebrating the 39 years of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life is slated to be created in Bristol at 106 Riverside Ave. as part of a statewide initiative recognizing the iconic civil rights movement leader and diversity.

“We’re honored to have been selected to have the mural,” said 106 Riverside Ave.’s Primo Press building owner Scott Rosado. “The MLK mural will not only add a sense of vibrancy to our city, but when we all digest what MLK truly stood for, the hope is we all gain a sense of unity and respect for one another.”

Rosado lauded mural steering committee leadership for their efforts.

Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services is partnering with RiseUP for Arts to create the mural. It will be one of 39 others across the state.

The initiative is looking to raise \$15,000 for the mural’s completion. Projected needs for the artwork include a reveal celebration ceremony, professional artist costs, supplies and materials. The mural will also present engagement and conversation opportunities meant to foster inclusive communities.

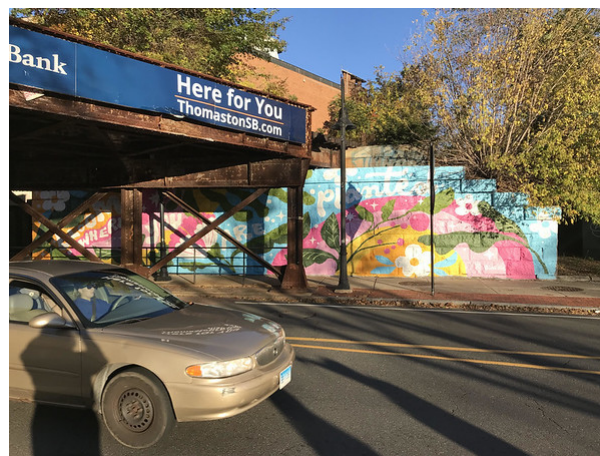
The Main Street Community Foundation will support the mural as an inaugural sponsor, officials with the city said. It is donating around \$5,000 to the effort.

Mural partners include the NAACP, Bristol Arts and Culture Commission, the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol, Imagine Nation and the DEI Committee.

RiseUP for Arts is an initiative under CT Murals which consults nonprofits, businesses and government organizations in the creation of public art meant to instill conversations surrounding diversity, inclusion and equity.

Those who wish to donate may do so by going to the [gofundme](https://gofundme.com/) website and searching for the Bristol MLK39 Diversity Equity Tour. Residents are also encouraged to take part in a design survey found at <https://forms.gle/nXWdwhREZgEeySHr7> as the project looks to be inspired by the surrounding community.

The mural is anticipated to be revealed in spring and will have slated volunteer paint days along with a block party celebration.



File photo Bristol's latest mural is located under the railroad bridge on Main Street. Another mural celebrating Martin Luther King is being planned on Riverside Ave.

More murals are also planned throughout the state in 2022. For more information, visit the CT Murals website or follow the organization on Instagram at [@ctmurals](#).