STATE OF STICK

ARTPRIZE INSTALLATION FUNDING PACKET

A 50-state acrylic emblem installation by State of Stick, Co.

FUNDING GOAL

$10,000

support needed toward a **$14,500** public artwork budget
ArtPrize grant applications, donors, sponsors, in-kind resources, and company contribution will help fund final production.

BUILT TO STICK. / MADE TO LAST.

THE PROJECT

WHAT WE ARE BUILDING

State of Stick is a large-scale public artwork built from 50 separate state-shaped emblems. Each state becomes its own ultra-detailed acrylic surface: a miniature world of symbols, patterns, memory, regional identity, and strange visual energy. Together, the individual states assemble into one national mural.

The work is designed for ArtPrize and for public-facing donor support. It uses State of Stick's ultra-thin .004 acrylic emblem material in bronze, silver, gold, white, black, and yellow-to-black, transforming a material normally associated with small collectible emblems into a large public art installation.

WHY IT MATTERS

This is a Michigan-made art object about place, identity, memory, and what we carry from one state to the next. It is instantly readable from a distance and rewards close inspection up close.

WHY SUPPORT IT

Funding helps turn the project from concept into a finished public installation: final design, prototyping, material testing, fabrication, mounting, lighting, transport, and install.

50
separate state emblems

$14,500
full project budget

$2,000
seed grant request

$10,000
donor + partner goal

FUNDING PLAN

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: $14,500

The funding plan is built for multiple sources: ArtPrize grants, local donors, founding art partners, sponsor support, in-kind resources, and State of Stick / TechBinBytes contribution. The donor goal is not a replacement for grants - it helps close the gap so the work can be built at ArtPrize scale.

Budget Item	Amount
Ultra-thin .004 acrylic emblem material and testing	$1,800
Mixed-media substrate: shiplap, wood, metal, ACM, acrylic, or window-ready backing	$1,200
Adhesive, masking, transfer, finishing, and surface prep supplies	$500
Prototype materials and replacement state pieces	$600
Hardware, mounting, installation supplies, and safety materials	$750
Lighting, labels, QR/NFC interpretation, and documentation display	$650
Transport, packing, storage, and install kit	$500
Design/vector labor support for 50-state artwork and production files	$2,000
Fabrication/production labor support, cutting, weeding, mounting, QA	$1,500
Contingency for venue-specific needs and material failures	$500
Total Cash Funding Goal	$10,000

FUNDING STRUCTURE

Cash goal: **$10,000**. ArtPrize Artist Seed Grant request: **$2,000**. Additional grants / donor support to be pursued: **$8,000**. Artist/studio in-kind contribution: **$4,500** in donated labor, equipment access, studio time, software, project administration, and documentation support.

FOUNDING PARTNER LEVELS

HELP BUILD THE 50-STATE INSTALLATION

Supporters can fund a specific state, a region, fabrication costs, or final installation needs. Recognition will be provided where permitted by ArtPrize and venue rules.

SUPPORTER — $100-$249

Funds prototyping, adhesive tests, installation supplies, replacement cuts, and finish samples.

STATE SPONSOR — $250

Sponsors production of one state emblem. Great for individuals, families, small businesses, and state-pride supporters.

REGIONAL PARTNER — $500

Supports a cluster of states or one material/color region of the map.

INSTALLATION PARTNER — $1,000

Funds mounting, substrate, lighting, transport, and venue-specific install needs.

FOUNDING ART PARTNER — $2,500+

Major support level for donors or businesses who want to help bring the full artwork to life.

Recognition may include process updates, donor thank-you materials, social/media documentation, and post-event project mater

DONOR ASK

CLEAR, DIRECT, READY TO SEND

We are raising $**10,000** in additional support to complete State of Stick as a 50-state acrylic emblem installation for ArtPrize. Support will fund final state artwork development, material testing, .004 acrylic emblem material, laser fabrication, mounting, lighting, transport, and installation supplies.

BEST ASK FOR INDIVIDUALS

Sponsor one state for $250 or contribute any amount toward the installation. Every contribution helps turn the map from concept into a finished public artwork.

BEST ASK FOR BUSINESSES

Become a Regional Partner, Installation Partner, or Founding Art Partner and help bring a Michigan-made public art project to ArtPrize.

COPY / PASTE FUNDING MESSAGE

We are building State of Stick, a 50-state acrylic emblem installation for ArtPrize, and we are raising the remaining $**12,500** needed to complete the project at public-art scale. The piece uses ultra-thin acrylic emblem material to create 50 individual state-shaped artworks that assemble into one bold national mural about identity, place, memory, and what sticks.

We are looking for donors, state sponsors, regional partners, and founding art partners who want to help bring a Michigan-made public artwork to life. Contributions can support a specific state, material costs, fabrication, mounting, lighting, or final installation needs.

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