



“Municipally Designated” District Policy For New Mexico Arts & Cultural Districts

An Arts & Cultural District (ACD), that is created within a municipality of over 50,000 in population under the Arts and Cultural District Act of 2007 as a District, and wishes to pursue the benefits of ACD network status from the agency and organizational members of the Arts & Cultural District State Council with the State-Authorized Arts & Cultural District Program, will follow and implement the policies and procedures that are adopted by the State Arts & Cultural District Council and accepted by the New Mexico Arts Commission.

Contingent upon funding, such benefits may include technical assistance services and resources as each agency and organization chooses to commit on an annual basis.

Municipally Designated Arts & Cultural Districts, to be accepted into the state network must include the following program elements:

- A local Arts & Cultural District Coordinating Council (Council) comprised of representative members including Arts Council representative(s) and supporting the arts, arts, historic and cultural institutions, agencies and organizations, a municipal government representative, and representation from a downtown or commercial neighborhood revitalization organization such as MainStreet.
- The Council should have paid staff to support the local ACD organization’s planning, projects, activities and programs.
- A municipally adopted ACD Cultural Economic Development Plan for the ACD District guiding the growth of the Districts Cultural Economy and prioritizing the work of the local Arts & Cultural District Coordinating Council.
- An ACD municipally adopted district Master Plan/Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan (MRA) to guide priority cultural economic development infrastructure and capital improvement projects which result in the growth of the cultural economy within the district.

- A walk-able ACD District with established boundaries for resources and services to be delivered and programming implemented by the local ACD Council.
- A walkable district/compound boundary will be approved with municipal adoption of the ACD district Cultural Plan by the local governing body to be eligible for resources, services and state historic preservation tax credit benefits.
- Annual economic and organizational performance standards to measure investment impacts into the ACD.
- An understanding that all state services, benefits and incentives are for the purposes of the ACD district in growing the cultural economy.

Municipally designated programs which have implemented the policies, procedures and tasks defined by the State ACD Council for State Authorized Districts, may correspond by letter to the State ACD Coordinator and request consideration to be State Authorized by the New Mexico Arts Commission at its next duly constituted meeting.

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