New Mexico’s Arts and Cultural Districts
Artesia | Gallup | Las Vegas
Los Alamos | Mora | Raton | Silver City
Two municipally-designated districts
Las Cruces | Nob Hill

Enhancing A Robust Cultural Economy

NEW MEXICO ARTS AND CULTURAL DISTRICTS ARE A COLLABORATION OF

Economic Development Department
New Mexico MainStreet Program
Department of Tourism
Department of Cultural Affairs
New Mexico Arts
Historic Preservation Division
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Off the Road: Guide to visiting NM Historic and Cultural Properties
www.offtheroadnm.com

BUILDING NEW MEXICO’S CREATIVE ECONOMY
New Mexico has fostered and nurtured original cultural expressions for at least a millennium. Today, New Mexico is a progressive and growing state, highly diverse in its population, history, aspirations and economic base. By adopting a statewide Arts and Cultural Districts program in 2007, New Mexico has joined a handful of states seeking to promote arts and culture as an enhancement to local economies and quality of life.

Benefits for Communities Authorized as Arts and Cultural Districts

- Enhancement of local economy and quality of life through promotion of arts and culture
- Significant financial incentives, including increased state historic preservation tax credit to $50,000 and limited grant assistance from the McCune Charitable Foundation for staff and project support
- Intensive technical support from the Economic Development Department, Department of Tourism and the Department of Cultural Affairs, including:
  - Intensive Resource Team visit within first year of designation
  - Cultural Plan
  - Assessment of local district's creative economic potential

New Mexico Arts and Cultural Districts: A program to promote arts and culture as an enhancement to local economies and quality of life.

Application Process

A state Arts and Cultural Districts Council meets several times a year to accept and review new applications for districts as well as review planning efforts and monitor community progress.

Applications for new districts are recommended by the State Coordinator of Arts and Cultural Districts to the New Mexico Arts Commission, which officially designates the districts.

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