Creative District Program Pre-Application Checklist

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

☐ Designated, contiguous geographic area recognized by local municipal entity
☐ Area is walkable and/or easily navigable
☐ Clearly defined concentration of artistic or cultural activities and/or minimum of 1 - 2 primary arts-related industries occurring in region
☐ Clearly defined arts and culture identity, and brand
☐ Structured entity formally recognized by local government as designated district administrator, with assigned staff role to carry out Creative District activities
☐ Administrative entity has a minimum $20,000 total annual operating budget
☐ Broad community buy-in for community designation as Creative District
☐ Partnership agreement amongst entities, to help guide activities in district
☐ Program strategic plan (covering 3 - 5 years of activity)
☐ Site visit to proposed district by Creative District program staff has been scheduled or completed

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Actively promoting local arts, culture and tourist activities
☐ Appropriately zoned for activities/intended uses
☐ Engaged in preservation or promotion of cultural or historical heritage
☐ Exploring opportunities around maker space and/or affordable housing for artists and creatives
☐ Economic and workforce development plans to bolster creative economy for region
☐ Economic development data to demonstrate current or projected growth of sector(s) in region
☐ Engaged in attracting creative entrepreneurs, investment and/or other related economic development activities to community

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