CREATIVE DISTRICT PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

☐ Clearly defined District mission, vision and values

☐ Clearly defined arts and culture identity, with a concentration of artistic or cultural activities and 1 - 2 primary arts or culture-related organizations and industries occurring in region

☐ Clearly defined Creative District brand

☐ Designated, contiguous geographic area recognized by local government

☐ Area is walkable and/or easily navigable

☐ Designated area is appropriately zoned for activities/intended uses

☐ Structured entity formally recognized by local government designated as district administrator, with assigned staff role to carry out Creative District activities

☐ Administrative entity has a minimum $20,000 total annual operating budget (includes entire budget, not just Creative District funds)

☐ Broad, demonstrated community buy-in for community designation as Creative District

☐ Local artists and creatives are actively engaged and participating in District

☐ Community is actively promoting local arts, culture and tourist activities

☐ A diverse coalition of community members, including underrepresented groups, are actively participating in District planning

☐ Program strategic plan covering 3 - 5 years of activity

☐ Site visit to proposed district by Creative District program staff has been completed

☐ Completed Community Readiness Workbook (current edition), to be included in district application

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT

☐ Partnership agreement amongst entities, to help guide activities in district (if applicable)

☐ 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