



## **Policy Creating State Council For Arts & Cultural Districts**

The State Coordinator of the New Mexico Arts & Cultural District (ACD) Program will assemble representatives from state agencies and organizations that have a role in developing New Mexico's cultural economy and/or a statutory responsibility based on the New Mexico Arts & Cultural District Act (2007), to serve as a State Arts & Cultural District Council (state Council).

The state Council shall work with a local group of stakeholders who were the applicants for state authorization, known as the local Arts & Cultural District Coordinating Council (Council). The Council is responsible for a state authorized district's establishment of goals through a municipally adopted ACD Cultural Economic Development Plan and a District Master/Metropolitan Development (MRA) Plan, oversight and administration of resources to meet district goals, and meeting local and state performance measures.

The state Council shall be comprised of, at minimum, those representatives of divisions of agencies within agencies that have a specific role of investment, oversight, regulation, and whom provide technical assistance, services, resources and incentives, and or administration of the ACD Program including, but not limited to, the following: New Mexico MainStreet in the Economic Development Department, New Mexico Arts a Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs. The ACD Coordinator may also invite non-governmental organizations involved in New Mexico's creative industries and cultural economy to serve on the Council.

The Council shall meet at least twice a year. The ACD Coordinator shall convene the state Council members with at least two weeks' notice by phone, email or letter.

The purpose of the state Council is to assist the ACD Coordinator with the following tasks:

- Discuss issues and provide technical assistance and program support to the local Council and its District related to performance issues;

- Act as a resource team to the Council for strategic planning;
- Establish performance standards for participating local Councils
- Recommend policies to the New Mexico Arts Commission for review and acceptance, the state authorizing body for local ACD Districts
- Establish an application process for community stakeholders to apply for district state authorization, as legislative appropriations makes possible;
- Serve as a review committee for applications and make recommendations to the New Mexico Arts Commission for state authorization;
- Assist the ACD Coordinator in the development of resources and programming for state authorized Councils;
- Establish annual performance standards for Councils;
- Review annual Council performance reports and annual Council operation budgets;
- Assist the ACD Coordinator in determining probationary parameters and recommendations to the New Mexico Arts Commission for declassification of non-performing programs or programs no longer wishing to continue their status as a state-authorized district; and
- Other such duties as requested by the New Mexico Arts Commission or the ACD Coordinator

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