

LOUISIANA CULTURAL DISTRICTS



DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM • OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

CULTURAL DISTRICT

A "Cultural District" is a district designated for the purpose of revitalizing a community by creating a hub of cultural activity, which may include affordable artist housing and work space.

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A CULTURAL DISTRICT SHALL:

- Be geographically contiguous
- Be distinguished by cultural resources that play a vital role in the life and cultural development of a community
- Focus on a cultural anchor such as a major art institution, art and entertainment businesses, an area with arts and cultural activities or cultural or artisan production

A CULTURAL DISTRICT SHALL:



- Be engaged in the promotion, preservation, and educational aspects of the arts and culture of the locale
- Contribute to the public through interpretive and educational uses

BENEFITS



- Provides state and local tax exemptions on sales of original art
- Expands historic preservation tax credits for renovations to commercial and owner-occupied historic structures located within cultural districts
- Increases cap on state residential historic tax credits

PURPOSE



- To bring back Louisiana's creative talent
- To promote the growth and development of cultural production in the state
- To support entrepreneurial development within the cultural economy
- To revitalize communities by creating locally driven hubs of cultural activities

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

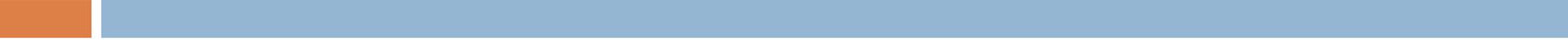
- Engage residents
- Provide a sense of community
- Serve as a gathering place
- Strengthen community partnerships
- Develop a positive image

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

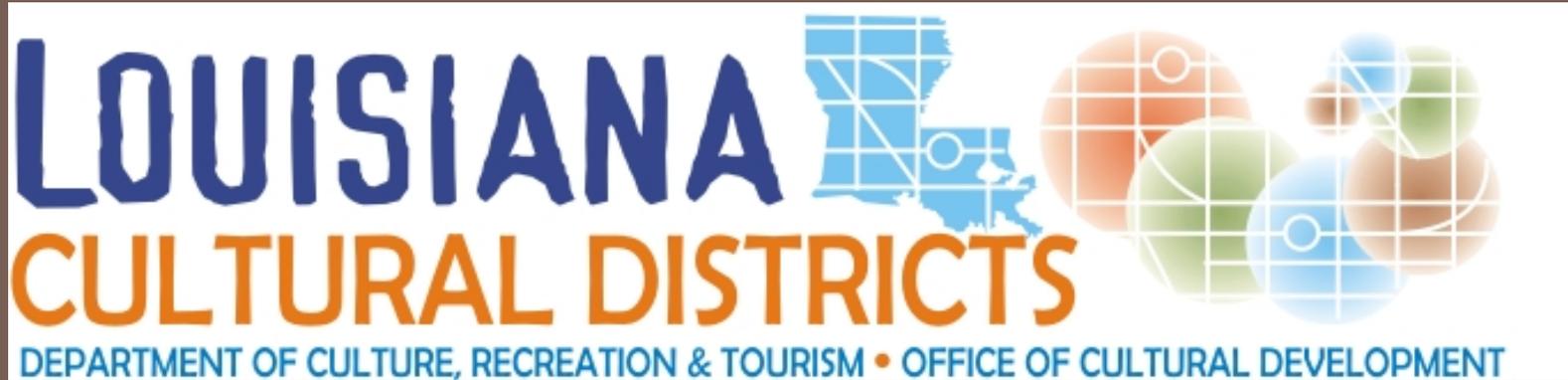
- Capitalize on cultural, economic, and social assets
- Revitalize a neighborhood or area
- Enhance property values
- Stimulate the economy
- Draw tourists

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ARTISTIC/CULTURAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- Promote the arts and support artists
- Encourage creativity and cultural activity
- Attract artists and cultural industry workers



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