OVERVIEW

A division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Colorado Creative Industries was created to foster and support Colorado’s creative sector with the immense potential to drive economic growth and quality of life. Our programs serve artists and creative professionals, arts organizations, educators, community groups and municipal agencies.

Colorado is known for creative class population and ranks first in the nation for the percentage of adults engaged in creative pursuits. Arts and culture represents 4.3% of Colorado’s GDP. Colorado is a global leader in the creative industries, which the National Endowment for the Arts categorizes in six primary sub-groups:

SNAPSHOT OF COLORADO’S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- Earnings: $9.9 Billion
- Nonprofit Revenue: $708+ Million
- Creative Jobs: 219+ Thousand
- Ranking: 1st in arts participation*

*CO ranking according to National Endowment for the Arts, 2015

data from 2017 CVSuite
MISSION
To promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado’s economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life.

VISION
• A strong brand identity for Colorado designed products
• A top 10 reputation for arts and culture
• Sustained state and local investment in the creative industries
• A robust creative workforce

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Colorado Creative Industries offers a variety of programs and services, such as grants, awards, professional development opportunities and more:

• Career advancement grants
• Colorado Creates grant
• Change Leaders Institute
• Creative districts certification
• Annual Creative Industries Summit
• Public art calls for entry
• Resources for schools

CERTIFIED CREATIVE DISTRICTS
Certified Creative Districts meet the requirements and standards of the program and are approved by the Colorado Creative Industries Council for 5-year Certification:

40 West Arts District  
Lakewood  
Breckenridge Arts District  
Carbondale Creative District  
Colorado Springs Creative District  
Corazon de Trinidad Creative District  
Crested Butte Creative District  
Denver’s Art District on Santa Fe  
Fort Collins Creative District  
Golden Triangle Creative District  
Grand Junction  
Grand Lake  
Greeley Creative District  
Longmont Arts & Entertainment District  
Mancos Creative District  
Manitou Springs Arts District  
Pueblo Creative Corridor  
Ridgway Creative District  
RiNo Art District Denver  
Salida Creative District  
Steamboat Springs Arts District  
Telluride Arts District  
North Fork Valley Creative District  
Westwood Creative District

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