

ARTS & CULTURE BOARD: STATUS REPORT

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UPDATES

- Accomplishments in 2025-26
- Arts & Culture Community Strategic Plan (adopted May 2025)
- Next steps for 2026-27
- Direction from Council



2025-26 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



PERCENT FOR PUBLIC ART

- Partnership with Public Works
- 2026 Projects Identified:
 - Prince Street Link
 - Reynolds Landing
 - Jackass Hill Park Improvements
 - Powers Park Improvements
- Not projected to be completed in 2026, triggering \$25k minimum in January 2027

2025-26 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



MURAL PROGRAM

- Design and installation of new mural on Doctors Care building
- Funded by Lodgers Tax revenue
- Celebration of community spirit

2025-26 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CULTURE AND ARTS PARTNERS GROUP

- Continued quarterly meetings with local arts & culture orgs
- Networking opportunity and educational component
- Promote community events and strengthen impact of arts, culture, heritage, recreation, and tourism in Littleton



STATE OF THE ARTS

- Fifth annual event celebrating economic impact of arts and culture in Littleton
- Presentation of third annual Arts & Culture Award
- 2,044,908 people interacted with local cultural events in 2025

A&C COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION 1: ACTIVATE EXISTING RESOURCES

1. Culture & Arts Partners Group Directory
2. Public Art in Littleton: Artwork Archive
3. Visit Littleton: Public Art Walks + venue list
4. Lodgers Tax grant awards



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RECOMMENDATION 2: CULTIVATE ARTS AND CULTURE FOR ALL OF LITTLETON



1. Quarterly CAP Group meetings
2. Mural program - East Littleton Blvd
3. Annual State of the Arts event and data report
4. Arts & Culture Economic Impact Study
5. Hotel Feasibility Study

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RECOMMENDATION 3: FOSTER THE BROADER ARTS AND CULTURE ECOSYSTEM

1. Percent for Public Art program
2. Arts & Culture Board involvement with concurrent strategic plans (e.g. Project Downtown, Blueprint Boulevard)
3. Ongoing collaboration with community partners (e.g. DDA, ACC)



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RECOMMENDATION 4: DEVELOP AND REFINE GOVERNANCE, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES



1. Continued community engagement opportunities (e.g. CAP Group, grant application process, Museum History Gallery renovation)
2. Encourage municipal nonprofits and quasi-public agencies to pursue grants
3. Lodgers Tax policy review and refinement by City Council, CMO, and ACB

A&C COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION 5: PLAN FOR LITTLETON'S FUTURE

1. Promote and support Horizon 2027 Strategic Plan initiatives: "Vibrant Community with a Rich Culture"
2. Venue Feasibility Study
3. Prepare to apply for Colorado Creative District designation



STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2026-27

Arts & Culture Economic Impact Study

- Led by Economic Development

Performing Arts Venue Study

- Secure remaining funding
- Led by ACB and Museum

Hotel Feasibility Study

- Led by Economic Development

Colorado Creative District designation

- State program currently on 1 year hiatus
- ACB will form working group



ACB WORKPLAN TIMELINE

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2026

Quarter 2

- Review Lodgers Tax grants and recommend funding

Quarter 3

- ACB working group begins “Call Yourself Creative” program
- CAP Group Meeting

Quarter 4

- Council reviews grant recommendations
- CAP Group Meeting

2027

Quarter 1

- LT Grant funds distributed

- Reconcile Percent Program and determine budget allocation
- Mural application opens
- Lodgers Tax grant applications open
- CAP Group Meeting

Quarter 2

- State of the Arts event
- Review mural applications
- CAP Group Meeting

Quarter 3

- Review Lodgers Tax grants and recommend funding
- CAP Group Meeting

Quarter 4

- Council reviews grant recommendations
- CAP Group Meeting

DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL

- Does Council approve the proposed workplan?

