

**15.438 Cultural and entertainment districts.**

1. The authority shall establish and administer a cultural and entertainment district certification program. The program shall encourage the growth of communities through the development of areas within a city or county for public and private uses related to cultural and entertainment purposes.

2. A city or county may create and designate a cultural and entertainment district subject to certification by the authority. A cultural and entertainment district is encouraged to include a unique form of transportation within the district and for transportation between the district and recreational trails. A cultural and entertainment district certification shall remain in effect for ten years following the date of certification. Two or more cities or counties may apply jointly for certification of a district that extends across a common boundary. Through the adoption of rules, the authority shall develop a certification application for use in the certification process. The provisions of [this subsection](#) relating to the adoption of rules shall be construed narrowly.

3. The authority shall encourage development projects and activities located in certified cultural and entertainment districts through incentives under cultural grant programs pursuant to [section 15.436, part 30 of this subchapter](#), and any other applicable grant programs.

[2005 Acts, ch 150, §19](#)

[C2005, §303.3B](#)

[2011 Acts, ch 118, §85, 89; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §2087, 2125; 2023 Acts, ch 119, §27](#)

[C2024, §15.438](#)

Referred to in [§15.274](#)