

221—9.5(81GA, HF868) Selection.

9.5(1) The department shall establish criteria for the selection of cultural and entertainment districts for certification. The following factors shall be considered:

- a.* Management structure.
- b.* Presence of cultural assets.
- c.* Level of community support.
- d.* Local incentives.
- e.* Plan for developing and sustaining the district.

9.5(2) The director will determine the number of cultural and entertainment districts to be selected for certification.

9.5(3) Cultural and entertainment districts will be selected for certification on a competitive basis from the applications received.

9.5(4) Staff review. Applications shall be reviewed by department staff to ensure compliance with the program's administrative rules and guidelines. Applications meeting the requirements shall be forwarded to the advisory committee.

9.5(5) Advisory committee review. The advisory committee will review applications and make recommendations to the director.

9.5(6) Final selection. The director shall make final certification decisions. The director reserves the right to withhold certification if applications submitted do not adequately achieve the purposes of the cultural and entertainment district certification program.