

## Creative Industry Glossary

This list is not alphabetic, but arranged generally by the “size” or scope of the item.

**Creative industry** – The creative industry is the entire industry focused on creative endeavors – visual and performing arts, culinary, music, literary, anything creative. This is at the same level as the tourism industry, automotive industry, oil and gas industry, etc. For an exhaustive list, visit <https://oedit.colorado.gov/industries>, Lifestyle Industries.

**Colorado Creative Industries (CCI)** – CCI is one of 12 divisions within the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). (OEDIT promotes a positive business climate that encourages dynamic economic development and sustainable job growth in various industries and sectors around the state.) CCI’s mission is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado’s economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life. The creative economy subgroups are design, film and media, literary and publishing, performing arts, visual arts and design, and heritage. For more information about OEDIT, visit <https://oedit.colorado.gov/about>.

**Creative District** – Creative Districts are geographic areas within a city in which creative industries are strongly supported and promoted. CCI certifies creative districts around the state; there are currently 27 creative districts throughout Colorado. The Grand Junction Creative District is called GJ Creates. GJ Creates is in the process of greatly expanding its website. For more information on GJ Creates, visit <https://gjcreates.org/>. For more information on all of the Creative Districts in Colorado, visit <https://www.colorado.com/certified-creative-districts>.

**Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)** – In 1988, voters in the Denver area voted to establish a regional tax district to provide funding for art, music, theater, dance, zoology, botany, natural history, and cultural history organizations. This 0.1% sales and use tax provided funding to 240 organizations in the Denver area in 2015. The district is renewed or dissolved periodically. Grand Junction has sought a similar funding district in 1992 and 1994 (it almost passed in 1994). For more information on Denver’s SCFD, visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific\\_and\\_Cultural\\_Facilities\\_District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_and_Cultural_Facilities_District).

**Space to Create** – Space to Create is a term used around the country to describe affordable housing and sustainable spaces for artists and arts organizations. Space to Create Colorado is a program within CCI which helps communities convert building into affordable living and work spaces. For more information about Space to Create Colorado, visit <https://oedit.colorado.gov/space-to-create-colorado>. A national organization which assists with Space to Create projects around the country is ArtSpace. For more information about ArtSpace, visit <https://www.artspace.org/what-we-do>.

**Grand Valley Creative Alliance (GVCA)** – GVCA is a relatively new nonprofit in Grand Junction. GVCA’s mission is to cultivate and promote creative community through collaboration, education, events, and programming. For more information, visit <https://gvcreates.org/>.