

# WEAVING TOGETHER PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE:

*IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITY WITHIN  
THE ARTS + CULTURAL DISTRICT  
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### *DPAC STUDIO:*

The Design and Planning Assistance Center (DPAC) is a community outreach program established in 1969 at the University of New Mexico. DPAC provides design and planning assistance to communities and organizations throughout the state of New Mexico. As an interdisciplinary design studio for students in the School of Architecture and Planning, the program facilitates collaboration between the community and regional planning, landscape architecture and architecture disciplines.

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