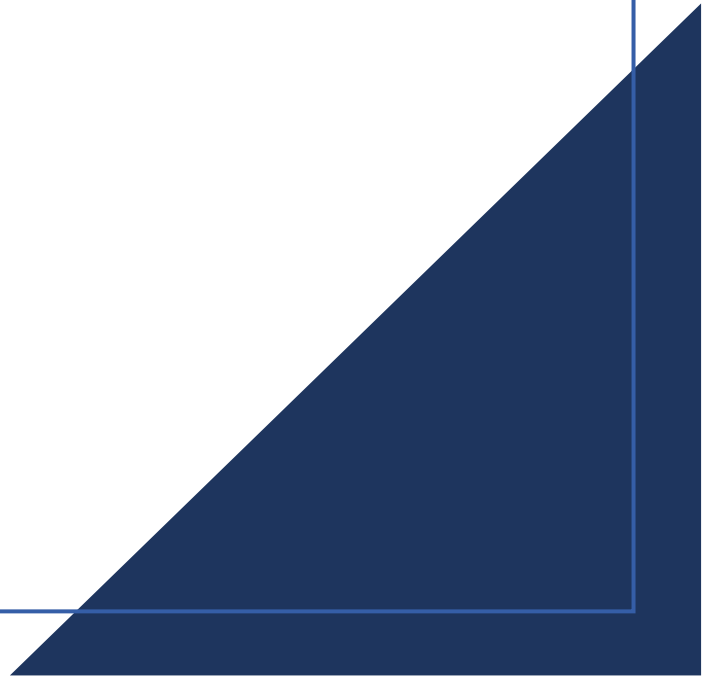




ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Arapahoe County
Cultural Council
2026/2027
SCFD Tier III Recommendations



PURPOSE



Provide background on the funding process



Present grant funding recommendations



Seek concurrence for advancing recommendations

FUNDING PROCESS



The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a seven-county tax district established by state statute and renewed by voters multiple times over the past 30 years



One penny on every \$10 in sales and use tax collected goes to SCFD. This money is then distributed annually to qualifying organizations, both through funding formulas and a competitive grant program.



County Cultural Councils run the competitive grant program for local arts, culture, and science organizations, making funding recommendations to the Board.

FUNDING PROCESS



1. APPLICATION DEADLINE
TIER III SINGLE COUNTY:
MARCH 11
TIER III MULTI-COUNTY:
MARCH 4



**2. 108 ORGANIZATIONS
APPLIED**
FOR A TOTAL REQUEST OF
\$3,652,777.08.



**3. ARAPAHOE COUNTY
CULTURAL COUNCIL
REVIEW & DISCUSSION**
APRIL – MAY



4. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
MEETING JUNE 4, 2026

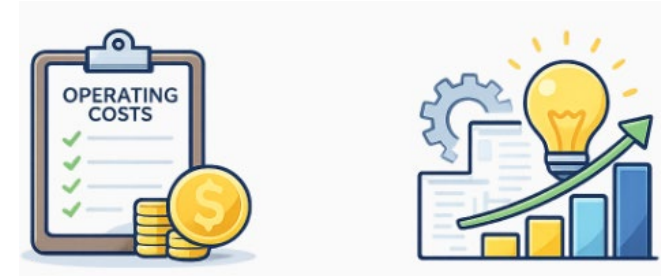


**5. RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE BOCC**



**6. SCFD BOARD RATIFIES
FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS**

TYPES OF FUNDING



General Operating Support

- Unrestricted funding to support an organization's overall mission and operations.
- Available to organizations with a demonstrated impact on Arapahoe County residents.
- Funding request may not exceed 30% of the organization's prior-year expenses or revenues (whichever is less).
- Organizations applying for GOS in another county are encouraged to apply for project funding instead.

Project Funding

- Restricted funding for a specific event, program, or set of activities.
- Available for projects that demonstrate impact on Arapahoe County residents.
- Funding request may not exceed 50% of the total project budget.
- Projects must have defined objectives, timelines, and budgets.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2026 Funds Available: \$2,621,753.14
(Includes uncommitted/returned funds from previous year)
- Total Requested: \$3,638,277.08
 - General Operating Support: \$1,835,446.38
 - Project: \$1,802,830.70
- Recommended
 - General Operating Support: \$1,330,800.21
 - Project: \$1,290,952.93

GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT



A Child's Song Words To Power Denver Children's Choir Museo de las Americas Grand Design Denver Audubon

South Suburban Parks & Rec- Colorado Chamber Colorado Chorale Friends of Chamber Music Roshni
Cultural Department Players Bluff Lake Nature The Urban Farm Colorado Jazz Denver Urban

Friends of Dinosaur Ridge Chicano Humanities Center Rocky Mountain New Dance Theatre RedLine Fiesta Colorado
and Arts Council Wildlife Alliance Colorado Quilting Council, Inc

Sand Creek Regional Greenway Boulder Museum of Access Gallery Colorado Quilting Council, Inc
Partnership, Inc Colorado Back Contemporary Art Arapahoe County Quilters Inc Art from Ashes
Phamaly Theatre Ensemble CMDance

Company Rocky Mountain Arts Association Four Mile Historic Park Feel the Beat Corp
Kantorei The Denver Brass PlatteForum Artístico Performing Arts Academy

TEPE Colorado Dragon Boat Historic Ocean First Institute Control Group
T2 Dance Colorado Fine Denver/Molly Baroque Chamber Productions
Company Arts Association Brown House Orchestra of Colorado Evergreen Jazz Festival

Kim Robards Mirror Image Museum Augustana Arts Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra
Dance Think 360 Arts for Learning Highlands Ranch Centro Cultural Denver Chorale Evergreen Chora
Mountain Chamber Music Society Concert Band Mexicano Colorado Youth Su Teatro

Denver Young Colorado Celebration Colorado Folk Tunas Mekar Inc Colorado Youth HawkQuest Davis Contemporary Dance
Artists Orchestra of African American Arts Council Colorado Youth Environmental Learning St. Martin's
Association Arts and Culture Colorado Folk Colorado Youth Environmental Learning St. Martin's
Symphony Orchestras Rocky Mountain for Kids (ELK) Chamber Choir

Englewood Historic Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rocky Mountain Inside the Orchestra
Preservation Society the American Guild Organists Brassworks – A British Denver Municipal Band Seriesfest

The Word, A Storytelling Sanctuary, Inc Denver Municipal Band Seriesfest



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**PROJECT
FUNDED
Organizations**

Questions?

