

Arapahoe County
Cultural Council
2025/2026
SCFD Tier III Recommendations



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Purpose



Provide background on
Scientific Cultural &
Facilities District (SCFD)
funding process



Present grant funding
recommendations



Seek concurrence for
advancing
recommendations

About SCFD



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.

Arapahoe County Cultural Council

13 Members; Term Length: 3 years; Term Limit: 2 consecutive terms

- Catherine Pomeroy
- Joanna Floribus
- Kristina Campbell
- Mackenzie Tennery
- George Peck
- Elizabeth Watson
- Dominique Christina
- Stephanie Spriggs
- Athena Lansing
- JD McCrumb
- At-Large VACANT
- At-Large VACANT
- Centennial VACANT



Organizations must first receive eligibility through SCFD. The process opens in April and the deadline for eligibility applications is in September.



Eligible organizations may start applying at the beginning of the year.



Multi-county grant deadline, March 5, 2025.



Single-county grant deadline, March 12, 2025.



March 23-May 11, ACCC weekly study sessions

GRANT PROCESS

General Operating Support (GOS)

Unrestricted funds available for organizations whose programming benefits the residents of Arapahoe County.

Only organizations that are based in Arapahoe County and/or have attendees of which at least 51% are Arapahoe County residents may apply for GOS.

The GOS funding request must not exceed 25% of the previous year's expenses or revenues, whichever is less.

Funding decisions for the 2025 grant application will be made using financials from the organizations' most recently completed fiscal year.

Project Funding

A restricted grant given to support a specific event or connected set of activities that occur within Arapahoe County or benefit Arapahoe County residents.

The project must have a clear beginning and end date, explicit objectives, and a predetermined cost.

The funding request may not exceed more than 50% of the total project budget.

The project must demonstrate that it specifically benefits the residents of Arapahoe County.

For multi-county applicants applying to Arapahoe County, an Arapahoe County-only project budget is requested.



SCFD 2025 Tier III Funding Plan - Arapahoe County

From District Office	
2025 Funds Available	\$ 2,564,059.94
Uncommitted/Returned Funds from Previous Year	\$ 8,804.00
Total Available from District Office	\$ 2,572,863.94

Organization	Funding Type	Amount Requested	Amended Amount	Recommended Amount
Arapahoe Philharmonic	General Operating Support	\$ 69,728.39	\$ 69,728.39	\$ 55,847.13
Aurora Singers	General Operating Support	\$ 14,412.00	\$ 14,412.00	\$ 11,325.71
Aurora Symphony Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$ 22,342.00	\$ 22,342.00	\$ 16,782.53
Cherry Creek Chorale	General Operating Support	\$ 38,343.00	\$ 38,343.00	\$ 29,058.76
City of Aurora Open Space & Natural Resources	General Operating Support	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 81,405.73
City of Englewood Cultural Division	General Operating Support	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 30,844.18
Colorado Bach Ensemble	General Operating Support	\$ 54,525.00	\$ 54,525.00	\$ 36,274.58
Colorado Brass	General Operating Support	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,752.87
Colorado Korean Chorus	General Operating Support	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,920.73	\$ 16,285.11
David Taylor's Zikr Dance Ensemble	General Operating Support	\$ 85,336.00	\$ 85,336.00	\$ 58,793.67
Denver Bronze	General Operating Support	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,873.13
Downtown Aurora Visual Arts	General Operating Support	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 123,045.16
Englewood Cultural Arts Center Association	General Operating Support	\$ 63,750.00	\$ 63,750.00	\$ 49,274.58
Feel the Beat Corp	General Operating Support	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 118,368.80
Greenwood Village Arts & Humanities Council	General Operating Support	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 62,695.98
Heritage Fine Arts Guild of Arapahoe County	General Operating Support	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 2,670.09
Kantorei	General Operating Support	\$ 128,660.00	\$ 128,660.00	\$ 92,028.11
Littleton Community Music Association	General Operating Support	\$ 32,250.00	\$ 32,250.00	\$ 23,677.31
Littleton Fine Arts Guild	General Operating Support	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,277.21
Littleton Symphony Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 25,933.14
Littleton Town Hall Arts Center	General Operating Support	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 156,835.63
Metropolitan Choral Festival	General Operating Support	\$ 4,035.00	\$ 4,035.00	\$ 2,936.35
Mudra Dance Studio	General Operating Support	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 33,056.05
Museum of Outdoor Arts	General Operating Support	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 139,903.31
Philippine American Society of Colorado	General Operating Support	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,917.87	\$ 18,692.93
Roxborough Arts Council	General Operating Support	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 45,152.08
Smithtonians	General Operating Support	\$ 2,656.00	\$ 2,655.99	\$ 1,995.72
South Suburban Parks and Recreation - Nature Programs	General Operating Support	\$ 47,523.00	\$ 47,523.00	\$ 41,438.80
Vintage Theatre Productions	General Operating Support	\$ 231,462.18	\$ 231,462.18	\$ 175,915.07
Voices West	General Operating Support	\$ 27,677.00	\$ 27,677.00	\$ 21,783.15
Young Voices of Colorado	General Operating Support	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 116,909.05
Total GOS Requests		\$ 2,114,379.57	\$ 2,107,218.16	\$ 1,603,831.93

Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Amended Amount	Amount Recommended
A Child's Song	Reach & Teach (Inclusive Community-Based Music Education)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,126.50
Access Gallery	Access Gallery Englewood Satellite Studio	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 24,544.44
Art from Ashes	Art from Ashes Creative Empowerment Programs for Youth	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 20,191.75
Augustana Arts	Augustana Arts Holiday Performances	\$ 13,866.25	\$ 13,866.25	\$ 10,150.47
Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado	Musical Bridges	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 17,265.51
Black American West Museum	Exhibits care	\$ 25,536.00	\$ 12,768.00	\$ 8,274.42
Bluff Lake Nature Center	Arapahoe County Community Education and Outreach Programs	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,476.80

Funding Recommendations

2025 Funds Available:
\$2,572,863.94

1,603,831.93 - GOS

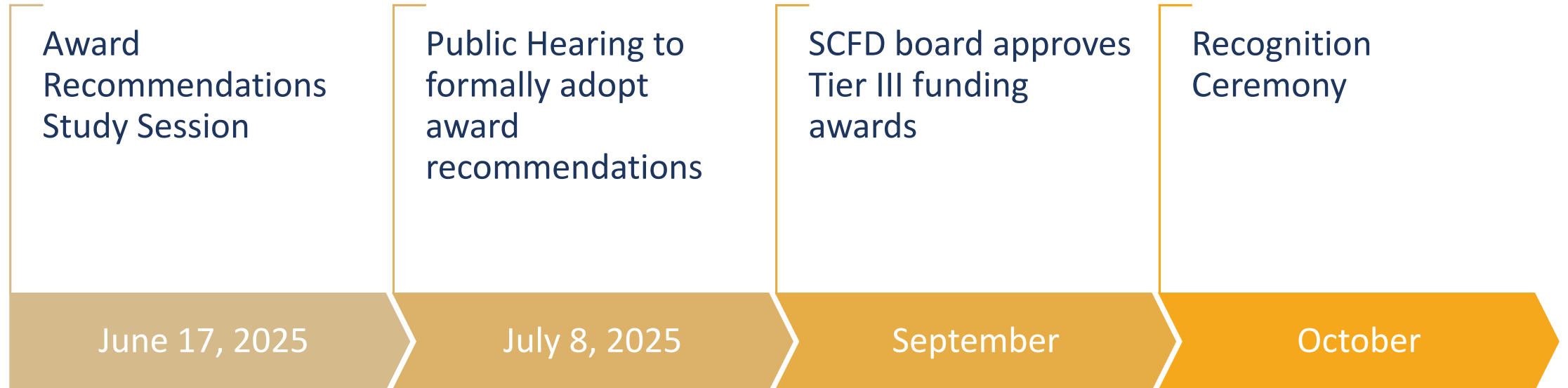
\$969,032.01 - Project

93 Total Organizations

31 General Operating Support

62 Project

Next Steps





Questions?