

Grant Recognition Staff Report

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Subject: **2025 Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Tier III Grant Recognition**

Board of County Commissioners' Business Meeting

November 18, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Douglas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) recognizes the 2025 Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Tier III grant fund recipients who will receive a combined total of \$1,290,475.62 for 11 General Operating Support (GOS) grants and 47 project-based grants.

II. REQUEST

Recognition of organizations receiving 2025 SCFD Tier III grant funds.

III. BACKGROUND

Since 1989, the SCFD has distributed funds from 1/10 of 1 percent sales and use tax to cultural facilities throughout the seven-county Denver metropolitan area. This includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. The sales and use tax equates to one penny for every \$10 spent. Voters approved the initial collection of sales and use tax for arts and culture in 1988 and again in 2016, for a period of 12 years through June 30, 2030. A Cultural Council in each county is responsible for recommending allocations for their portion of sales and use tax to Tier III organizations.

IV. DISCUSSION

The Douglas County portion of 2025 SCFD grant funds is \$1,290,475.62. Douglas County received 58 grant applications from 50 different organizations requesting a total of \$1,328,477.44. Of the applications received, 11 were for GOS and 47 were project-based requests.

The Douglas County Cultural Council (DCCC) held four study sessions to review the applications received. Council members scored applications based on SCFD's scoring rubric. A public meeting, held on June 10, 2025, resulted in the DCCC approving recommendations to distribute \$1,290,475.62 for 11 GOS grants and 47 project-based grants.

The DCCC's funding recommendations were certified by the BCC at a Work Session on August 5, 2025.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recognition of Douglas County’s 2025 SCFD Tier III grant recipients in the amount of \$1,290,475.62 for 11 GOS and 47 project-based grants.

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SCFD 2025 Tier III Funding Plan - Douglas County

<i>From District Office</i>	
2025 Funds Available	\$1,278,125.62
Returned Funds from Previous Yr	\$12,350.00
Total Available from District Office	\$1,290,475.62

Organization	General Operating Support	Recommended Amt
Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation	General Operating Support	\$236,357.96
HawkQuest	General Operating Support	\$93,097.57
Highlands Ranch Concert Band	General Operating Support	\$8,309.78
Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Assn.	General Operating Support	\$104,248.35
Highlands Ranch Historical Society	General Operating Support	\$4,770.53
Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$43,098.58
Mountain Chamber Music Society	General Operating Support	\$2,907.90
Parker Symphony Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$18,567.28
Performing Arts Academy	General Operating Support	\$202,129.02
Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance	General Operating Support	\$36,879.23
The Denver Concert Band	General Operating Support	\$26,628.22
	Total GOS Requests	\$ 776,994.41
Organization	Project	Recommended Amt
A Child's Song	Inclusive Community-Based Music Education	\$9,500.00
Arapahoe Philharmonic	Symp. of the Rockies Edu & Senior Engagement	\$6,907.94
Ballet Ariel	Little Women at the Schoolhouse Theatre	\$5,700.00
Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado	Musical Bridges	\$12,175.20
Boulder Ballet	Educational Outreach & Ballet in the Park	\$13,148.00
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art	SPARK! Programs in Senior Living Facilities	\$12,860.50
Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra	Music Education and Outreach	\$1,020.00
Centro Cultural Mexicano	Latin Beats: Sonidos de las Americas	\$2,850.00
CMDance	School Dance and Movement Programs	\$8,816.00
Colorado Bach Ensemble	Handel's Messiah	\$21,194.50
Colorado Fine Arts Assn.	Douglas County South Asian Projects	\$18,762.50
Colorado Jazz	Increased Jazz Offerings with Parker Arts	\$23,750.00
Colorado Quilting Council, Inc	Public Education	\$4,750.00
Colorado Wind Ensemble	DC Concert, and Continental League Honor Band	\$3,895.00

Organization	Project	Recommended Amt
Control Group Productions	Indigenous Cultural Enrichment Summer	\$11,900.00
David Taylor's Zikr Dance Ensemble	Rites and Revelations	\$15,240.85
Denver Audubon	Education and Action for Birds in DC	\$17,300.00
Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists	Pedals, Pipes & Pizza	\$661.20
Denver Young Artists Orchestra Assn.	Concert in Douglas County	\$5,700.00
Evergreen Jazz Festival	Festival, School Band Clinics and Assemblies	\$1,026.00
Feel the Beat Corp	Inclusive and Accessible Dance Classes in DC	\$11,400.00
Fiesta Colorado	Fiesta Colorado/Jeanette Flamenco	\$3,800.00
Friends of Dinosaur Ridge	School/Org. Guided Group Tours of Dino Ridge	\$3,490.40
HawkQuest	Birds of Prey Lectures	\$9,600.00
Highlands Ranch Concert Band	HRCB 25th Anniversary Celebration	\$1,070.00
Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Assn.	Art Encounters	\$5,867.20
Inside the Orchestra	Concerts & Programs for Students & Families	\$21,185.00
Kim Robards Dance	"Holiday Celebration" Performances	\$13,300.00
Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra	Spirituals Project Collaboration	\$7,600.00
Mountain Chamber Music Society	Chamber Concerts and Children's Concerts	\$2,850.00
Mudra Dance Studio	UTSAV XVIII...the Celebration Continues!	\$19,950.00
Museo de las Americas	Exhibit & Education Programs	\$9,500.00
New Dance Theatre	Arts-in-Education	\$24,700.00
Ocean First Institute	Plastic Pollution Monitoring and Solutions	\$13,200.00
Parker Symphony Orchestra	William Hill Comp. with Soprano Nadya Hill	\$1,520.00
Performing Arts Academy	Outreach and Financial Aid	\$19,000.00
Platte Valley Players	Tomas and the Library Lady - Theatre for Youth	\$5,605.00
Rocky Mountain Arts Assn.	My Favorite Things	\$6,800.00
Roxborough Arts Council	Art Encounters	\$10,307.50
St. Andrew Society of Colorado	Colorado Highland Games	\$46,831.49
St. Martin's Chamber Choir	SMCC Concerts & Student Choral Workshops	\$6,412.50
The Denver Brass	Brass for All	\$17,290.00
The Denver Concert Band	New Music for Lone Tree	\$15,000.00
Think 360 Arts for Learning	Arts for All: Schools, Communities, and Beyond	\$7,650.00
Vintage Theatre Productions	Touring	\$16,151.71
Voices West	Cabaret Pops Concert and Fundraiser: Broadway	\$4,405.72
Young Voices of Colorado	Douglas County Youth Outreach	\$11,837.00
	Total Project Requests	\$513,481.21

	Recommended Amt
General Operating Support	\$776,994.41
Project	\$513,481.21
TOTAL	\$1,290,475.62