

## Grant Recognition Staff Report

**Date:** November 4, 2025  
**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager  
**From:** Jennifer L. Eby, AICP, Director of Community Services  
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**Subject:** **2025 Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Tier III Grant Recognition**

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**Board of County Commissioners' Business Meeting**

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

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### **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>                 |                       |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>2025 Funds Available</b>                 | <b>\$1,278,125.62</b> |
| <b>Returned Funds from Previous Yr</b>      | <b>\$12,350.00</b>    |
| <b>Total Available from District Office</b> | <b>\$1,290,475.62</b> |

| 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          |
|                                        | <b>Total GOS Requests</b>                     | <b>\$ 776,994.41</b> |
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| 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         |
|                                                                  | <b>Total Project Requests</b>                  | <b>\$513,481.21</b> |

|                                  | Recommended Amt       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>General Operating Support</b> | <b>\$776,994.41</b>   |
| <b>Project</b>                   | <b>\$513,481.21</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$1,290,475.62</b> |