



News and Information for the SCFD Family

Dates, Deadlines & Directions

Tier III Recommendation & Check Ceremonies

Funding for Tier III organizations has been finalized and counties are busy preparing for their annual check ceremonies. Mark your calendars now or [learn more](#).

- October 10: Arapahoe County Check Ceremony
- October 14: Jefferson County Check Ceremony
- October 15: Boulder County Check Ceremony
- October 17: Adams County Check Ceremony
- October 21: Broomfield County Check Ceremony
- October 22: Douglas County Check Ceremony
- October 29: Denver County Check Ceremony

Tier III Final Grant Report is Live!

The 2019 Final Grant Report Portal is now available. Any organization that received SCFD Tier III funding in 2018 must complete and submit the Tier III Final Grant Report. Organizations that do not submit a final grant report by this deadline will NOT be permitted to apply for Tier III funding during the 2020 grant cycle. There are no exceptions.

Deadline: Friday, February 14, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Directions and forms are available at the bottom of the tier III page:
<https://scfd.org/grantmaking/funded-organizations/tier-iii/>

[See the full grantmaking calendar >](#)

Resources for Good

Learn more about potential changes to the minimum wage

Following new legislation from the Colorado General Assembly, local governments now have the power to set their own minimum wage. Denver is the first city to begin consideration of this change. The city has launched a public outreach effort to gather feedback on the proposal. If you would like to learn more or find out about dates and times for public



Engage with Us

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We're just bear-ly getting started. At SCFD we're intent on engaging more effectively with people across the Denver metro area. As a first step, we've developed a more modern, engaging look and voice for the SCFD. We've also updated our website to make it more user-friendly for both the public and our family of funded organizations. Over the next year we'll be working hard to build up our social platforms. But to do all of this, we need your help!

We need your organization to [visit our communicators toolkit](#) and commit to doing three things by the end of the year:

- Use our new logo and language on your websites, posters or other collateral. Have fun with them. They are meant to be fun. You'll find assets on our new website in the communicators toolkit to help. Try to make this change by the end of the year if possible.
- Share our social media posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with your networks, including [our fun new video short](#).
- Use your existing communications platforms – whether that's an email or your website or both – to introduce your network to the changes at SCFD. Please do this before the end of the year if possible.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) 101: Implementing EDI Strategy in your Organization

Audience demographics are changing and it is becoming critical to engage diverse communities if organizations wish to remain relevant. Funders are expecting that organizations not only offer programming to diverse communities, but that diversity is reflected at a board and staff level. Where do you start? Are diversity, equity and inclusion the same thing? What does it mean to incorporate an equity lens or framework into your organization? How do you create an internal culture of equity? In this session, you will learn steps you can take to embark on this journey, and will leave with tools to implement changes.

SCFD and Denver Arts & Venues are hosting a free workshop focused on the implementation of authentic DEI practices.

Date: Oct. 11, 2019

Time: 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: McNichols Building

[Register Now!](#)

Send us your stories!

The SCFD wants to highlight the amazing work you are doing by highlighting stories from your organization. If you've developed stories about your work in any form -- blog, video or other -- we'd like to feature them on our new website and social media. Send your stories to joyce@scfd.org.



News from the Board

The SCFD Board of Directors oversees the operation of the district as well as all fund distributions. The board's most recent meeting was held on Sept. 26, 2019. News from that meeting includes:

- The board bid a farewell to past chair and current vice chair, Rob Johnson. For a decade, Rob has dedicated countless hours of volunteer service to the cause of culture for all in this community of Jefferson County and to our entire metro area. His service was invaluable and was deeply appreciated by all of us at the SCFD.
- The Tier III disbursements resolution was approved, the final step in providing funding to all Tier III organizations.
- The board elected to reduce their number of meetings annually from 11 to 8. All meetings are noticed and are open to the public.
- The next board meeting will be held at 1p.m. on Oct. 24, 2019 at Mudra Dance located at 15162 E Hampden Ave. in Aurora.

[Full board meeting minutes as well as resolutions are always available on the SCFD website.](#)