



Details and Deadlines

TIER III ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- The multi-county application deadline is Wednesday, March 1 at p.m.
- The single-county application deadline is Wednesday, March 8 at 4 p.m.

Save the date: And come with SCFD to the Capitol

The SCFD Day at the Capitol is coming up on April 12. We'll share additional information about our plans in the coming weeks. But for now, save the date and join us to celebrate arts and culture with state lawmakers.

What you need, when you need it

Just a friendly reminder that we are continuing to add information, tutorials, grants calendars, and other important details to pages dedicated to your tier of partnership with the district. Please use these resources to help answer your questions and provide support.

[Tier I](#) | [Tier II](#) | [Tier III](#)

Resources for Good

Don't miss Boulder Arts Week

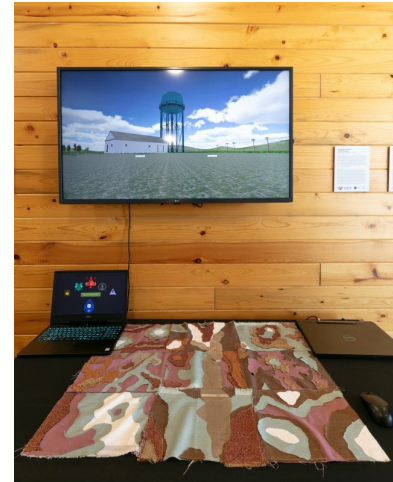
The City of Boulder is the home to thousands of artists and over 140 arts organizations. In fact, Boulder has the nation's third-highest concentration of artists, right behind Los Angeles and Santa Fe, according to the National Endowment for the Arts. This year, the Boulder's arts community will demonstrate the reason they are nationally ranked with an incredible array of cultural experiences from murals and installations, to music and dance. Join Boulder's

only large-scale, inclusive celebration of arts and cultural offerings at the 10th Annual Boulder Arts Week from April 7 through April 15. In 2023, Boulder Arts Week will feature digital and in-person arts and culture offerings, including art walks, exhibitions, performances, dance, music, theater, public art, lectures, readings, and workshops at venues throughout the city. [You can learn more.](#)

Contemporary Art and Libraries: A perfectly unexpected match

Kiah Butcher’s curatorial career grew because of her commitment to community engagement. Placing contemporary art in unexpected places, like libraries, is the perfect venue to connect Colorado artists to different communities across the front range.

“For years, we have been doing art education in libraries, and the museum decided to expand on the outreach education programs in libraries with dynamic exhibitions that spark curiosity,” Butcher said.



In conjunction with BMoCA’s downtown Boulder museum space, contemporary art is blooming in libraries across Adams, Arapahoe and the newest partner, Jefferson county library districts.

In the small town of Bennett, in Adams County’s farthest eastern reach, BMoCA offers contemporary art that is informed by the community and its residents to explore ideas about their own town and landscape. As part of her project, featured artist Cherish Marquez held two community workshops where participants built a simple video game using Unreal Engine, a 3D computer graphic engine. Participants created their own virtual landscape while telling stories of Bennett which were embedded in the final game design.

A topographic map was made from recycled fabric, and conductive material, which allowed users to move through the digital community model created during the workshop.

Across the street from the library sits Bennett School District (including the elementary, middle and high school). Melinda Laz, BMoCA Educational Outreach Manager worked to bring these unique art experiences to classrooms and make connections to the art in the library.

“Libraries have a unique connection to community,” Laz said. “Students learned about the artwork and artist directly in their classrooms and then could walk across the street to engage even more deeply with the work.” [Read more.](#)

Grants for Clean, Efficient Energy in Visual Arts Museums

As climate change has emerged as a defining issue of our day, museums and cultural institutions can take a leadership position in demonstrating that climate action is within reach. With energy costs as the second-largest component of museum budgets, efficiency improvements and clean energy generation are the best opportunities for arts organizations to reduce emissions and save money. The Frankenthaler Climate Initiative is an energy and climate granting

program launched by Helen Frankenthaler Foundation in partnership with RMI and Environment and Culture Partners. It is the first program of its kind in the U.S. for the visual arts and is the largest private national grant-making program to address climate change through cultural institutions. [Learn more and apply.](#)



Engage with Us

"Elevating the SCFD" Shout Out

As part of our ongoing work with you to help raise the profile of the SCFD for residents across the metro area, we'll be adding a hat tip to organizations who have found a way to include SCFD in their outreach. The goal is to highlight all the ways your organization and help.



Hat Tip to Mizel Arts & Culture Center

The Mizel Arts & Culture Center marked the return of their Denver Children's Theatre with a production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane," which will be seen by nearly 6,000 kids during its current three-week run. The center also commissioned a professional video of the show to distribute to schools that weren't able to send students in person. As part of the opening credits, the center gave a warm shout out to the SCFD including helping their audience understand how the district works. Thanks for your partnership and a particular SCFD hat tip to you. [You can watch the production.](#)

Register your Free Days with us

If you have days, programs, or events to share with the public, you can submit them for inclusion on the SCFD website. As we work toward more normal operations across 2022, we have reactivated this calendar, typically the most visited page on our site. [Submit your Free Days.](#)





News from the Board

The SCFD Board of Directors oversees the operation of the district as well as all fund distributions.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will be held virtually at 1 p.m. on April 27. [Get information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2023 board meetings.](#)

An SCFD thanks to an outstanding advocate for arts and culture

A heartfelt thank you to Deborah Malden, who has represented Boulder County on the SCFD Board of Directors for six years, as she transitions off the board. Her commitment to supporting and furthering the arts in her own community and across our state is a gift to each of us who values arts and culture in our lives. Among her many accomplishments she is a co-founder of Create Boulder, a past member of the Boulder County Cultural Council, a board member of multiple non-profit organizations including 3rd Law Dance/Theater, where she is a current director, and The Dairy ARTS Center where she also later served as interim executive director. She helped launch Boulder Arts Week in 2014 and continues to serve on the City's Boulder Arts Week advisory group each year. She served on the steering committee for the development of the City's nine-year Community Cultural Plan in 2015. Deborah led the Boulder Chamber's advocacy efforts in support of the City of Boulder's first voter-approved Community Culture and Safety Tax. She later served on the City's advisory committee that recommended capital projects for funding upon renewal of the Tax in 2017.

