



News and Information for the SCFD Family

Dates, Deadlines & Directions

We're better together

In this present moment we are reminded daily that we're better together, in our work, in our play, in our struggles. At SCFD, we've lived that reality for more than 30 years. Voters created us because they knew the work you do each day is essential to their lives. And they understood that together, we could make arts, culture and science stronger, more vibrant and more inclusive of all of us.

As we adapt to our current reality, with our stages and galleries dark, our music venues and performance spaces, quiet. We thought it might help to reflect on what we have done together even as we are safer at home.

- To keep the SCFD process of grant making going, we've moved entirely online, helping county cultural councils adapt their processes to ensure that organizations can continue to seek and receive the funding they need. The 2020 grant cycle includes 259 successful applicant organizations with over 600 grant applications;
- To help all our organizations adapt to the changing environment, we've revamped timelines and process;
- In the 2019-2020 funding cycle, we provided nearly \$10 million in funding to 260 Tier III organizations and allowed them to retain that funding to support their organizations during this unprecedented time;
- To ensure arts and culture have a place at the table with elected officials during our national health emergency, we've volunteered our expertise and data.

We've done all of this together. And we'll continue to. It's the reason SCFD exists.

2020 Eligibility Process Launches

The 2020 eligibility process has launched. You can learn more about whether your organization might be eligible. The deadline to submit a completed eligibility application is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2020. SCFD hosts a Q&A session in advance of the eligibility application deadline. We will provide an update as to how and when SCFD will conduct the open house this year. The result of your eligibility application will be issued in the Fall of 2020. If your organization is deemed eligible, you will then be able to apply for SCFD funding during the 2021 cycle. Eligibility is the first step in the SCFD funding process. Organizations currently funded by SCFD do not need to reapply for eligibility.

Resources for Good

COVID-19-Related Resources in Colorado

During this difficult time, it's important to stay connected to resources that can help you and your organization. Here are some options for finding what you need:

- Gov. Polis has launched a web portal Help Colorado Now, which includes opportunities to request funding for organizations in need of support
- SCFD has a small list of resources for food and other assistance
- CBCA has an extensive list of resources to support working artists and organizations
- The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment has resources to support both newly unemployed individuals as well as businesses. The new federal stimulus package includes opportunities for self-employed individuals to apply for unemployment.
- The Office of Economic Development and International Trade has resources for small businesses and non-profits. You can also join regional webinars to support you in learning more about resources available.

WESTAF CARES Relief Fund for Organizations

The WESTAF CARES Relief Fund for Organizations offers up to \$20,000 in general operating support for arts and cultural organizations in the West impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Fund is open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, units of state or local government, nonprofit institutions of higher education, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Applications will be assessed on inclusivity, demonstrated need, artistic and cultural merit, and public and community benefit. Qualifying organizations can go to westafcares.gosmart.org to apply.

Pro Bono Services from Artspace

Artspace Consulting is now providing pro bono consultations and technical support to any arts and culture organization or municipality that is working on a

space-related initiative. These services are available from now until June 30, 2020. **In particular, Artspace Consulting can help you with:**

- Reviewing existing capital and operating budgets and outlining potential scenarios
- Evaluating project priorities and recalibrating timelines and strategies
- Creative thinking around capital project resources
- Reviewing written fundraising materials and other communications
- Coaching organizations on how to access the new emergency resources

If your organization or municipality is interested in pro bono services, [please click here](#) and fill out a quick questionnaire about what help you may need or email us at consulting@artspace.org.

Arts in Society Grant Cycle is Open

There's no doubt that organizations and individuals will need more assistance in the coming year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Arts in Society partners have decided to respond to the health crisis by pivoting and expediting the regularly scheduled 2021 Arts in Society grant cycle. The program supports individuals and organizations who seek to implement projects that utilize the arts as an integral element in promoting social justice and community welfare, including, but not limited to projects responding to coronavirus-related needs. Partners in the program include **SCFD, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, RedLine Denver, Colorado Creative Industries, Hemera Foundation and the Colorado Health Foundation**. Arts in Society has distributed over \$2 million since inception to fund 91 projects across Colorado that incorporate arts and creativity in addressing our communities' most important problems. The application deadline is June 1, 2020 and decisions will be made in July with awards distributed in August. [You can learn more.](#)



Engage with Us

Talk to Us About Creatives

As part of our work with Arts Through It All, we'll be featuring a creative each month who can speak to the shared humanity of this moment. We're looking for individuals who have had a deep and lasting impact on the fabric of our metro area and who can help reconnect people to the power of wonder in their own lives. If you know these people, reach out to joyce@scfd.org. Or check out this

month's featured artist, Yolanda Ortega. [You can learn more about her work and be the first to hear her newly-recorded song, La Corona Llorona.](#)

Tell Us How You Are Connecting with Community

SCFD [has begun a feature on its website](#) to catalog all the ways that our organizations are delivering arts, culture and science virtually. We're also posting it on our social media as well. If you don't see your organization's offerings on this list, let us know. We'd love to make sure its included. Just reach out 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 next board meeting will be held virtually at 1 p.m. on May 28. [Login information will be provided ahead of the meeting launch.](#)

Full board meeting minutes as well as resolutions and the annual calendar are always available on the SCFD website.