

## 2021 Arapahoe County Tier III SCFD Grant Evaluation Criteria

*The primary purpose of the SCFD is to provide for the enlightenment and entertainment of the public through the production, presentation, exhibition, advancement or preservation of visual arts, performing arts, cultural history, natural history, or natural science.*

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Decision Tree (GOS/Project eligibility)		Y/N	NOTES
GOS	Only organizations that are based in Arapahoe County and/or have attendees of which at least 51 percent are Arapahoe County residents may apply for GOS. <i>(A no answer disqualifies the applicant from funding in Arapahoe County)</i>		
Project	Request is 50% or less of total project budget (if not amend here)		

### Evaluation Criteria

ORGANIZATION, PROGRAMS AND AUDIENCE			NOTES
1.	<i>Organization's mission and history are clearly and concisely articulated.</i>		
2.	<i>Program attendance and audience feedback (surveys, social media activity, etc.) are collected, reviewed and incorporated to ensure continuous program improvement.</i>		
3.	<i>Applicant clearly articulates their actions to solve challenges and provides detail on their opportunities, strategies and solutions/outcomes.</i>		
4.	<i>Offerings will enrich and expand programming to and/or within Arapahoe County.</i>		
5.	<i>Organization demonstrates marketing/advertising efforts targeted towards Arapahoe County residents.</i>		
6.	<i>Programs will be demonstrably inclusive, accessible and serve the diverse populations that live within Arapahoe County.</i>		
7.	<i>Organization has adequate staffing levels and/or volunteers to achieve programming as stated in the narrative.</i>		
8.	<i>List of program activities clearly meets application criteria (closed rehearsals, fundraisers, private events, board meetings, etc. are not included).</i>		
9.	<i>Organization does not over-rely on SCFD funding and has diverse funding sources and contributors.</i>		

10.	<i>Financial reports are clear and concise and organization demonstrates its ability to weather financial challenges.</i>		
11.	<i>Any debt, excess profit, or financial anomalies are clearly explained with plans for addressing them.</i>		
12.	<i>Applicant clearly explains the use of requested funds, including any significant changes in request over prior year.</i>		
<b>Org Total (Out of 60):</b>			
<b>PROJECT QUESTIONS</b>			
1.	<i>Does this project demonstrate that it specifically benefits the residents of Arapahoe County?</i>		
2.	<i>Does the project have a beginning and an end date, explicit objectives, and a predetermined cost?</i>		
3.	<i>Was an Arapahoe County-only project budget provided?</i>		
<b>Project Total (Out of 15)</b>			

**Grant Evaluation Scoring Descriptions**

- 0. Non-conforming      The applicant *did not provide* the information or did not qualify under SCFD/and or Arapahoe County guidelines.
- 1. Minimum            Applicant provides minimum required evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the programs and budget are appropriate but with limited detail, and are not well-aligned with the narrative, and/or the support materials are limited and/or uneven in quality.
- 2. Below Average      Applicant provides limited evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the programs and budget are appropriate but with limited detail, and are not well-aligned with the narrative, and/or the support materials are limited and/or uneven in quality.
- 3. Average              Applicant provides clear evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the plans are articulated and appropriate, the budget is realistic and aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of acceptable quality and relevant.
- 4. Above Average      Applicant provides additional evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the plans are well-articulated and appropriate, the budget is realistic, comprehensive and carefully aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of good quality, relevant and lead to an understanding of the organization and its work.
- 5. Excellent/Outstanding      Applicant provides *outstanding* evidence that all criteria are met, i.e., the plans are fully detailed and appropriate, the budget is realistic, comprehensive and carefully aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of the highest quality, highly relevant and lead to a deep understanding of the organization and its work.