



News and Information for the SCFD Family

Dates, Deadlines & Directions

Tier III allocation process moving ahead

The Tier III funding process is moving ahead virtually on schedule. All county cultural councils are completing their grantee evaluation review and moving into the decision-making process for grant allocations this month. In July, County Commissioners or City Councils will review allocation decisions made by the cultural councils.

Tier II deadlines approaching

Two important deadlines for existing Tier II organizations, or those that hope to become Tier II organizations, are approaching this month and in July.

- **June 26:** Qualification applications are due by 4 p.m.
- **July 8:** Certification reports are due by 4 p.m.

Tier I distributions

First quarter 2020 funds will be distributed to all Tier I organizations on June 12.

Resources for Good

Apply for COVID-19 Arts & Culture Relief Fund opportunity

Applications for the COVID-19 Arts & Culture Relief Fund open Monday June 8 and close Friday June 26. A partnership between Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and The Denver Foundation, the Fund is open to nonprofit arts & culture organizations in the seven county Metro Denver area with a primary mission of presenting arts & culture programming to the public. The fund was created to help ensure

organizations are able to maintain staff, artist engagement and minimal operations while planning for future sustainability. For more information, please visit <http://www.denverfoundation.org/COVID-19-Arts-Culture-Relief-Fund>

CBCA postpones Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver

Due to COVID-19, Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) has made the difficult decision to postpone its planned 2020 Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture. The 2020 Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture was to have been released by CBCA in the Fall of 2020 based on data collected by SCFD in 2019. As a result of COVID-19's impact on Colorado's arts and culture sector, the data set from 2019 would not be as relevant and useful without putting it into context of the considerable changes consequential of COVID-19 in 2020. CBCA plans to release its next Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture in the Fall of 2021, which will present comparative data between 2019 and 2020. This approach will provide a more compelling story and demonstrate the real and substantial impact of COVID-19 on the sector. CBCA has been producing this biennial report since 1992, and it is the only study that validates the economic impact of arts, culture and scientific nonprofit organizations on the Denver metro region. CBCA's report is based on data provided by the Scientific Cultural & Facilities District (SCFD) collected from nearly 300 arts and cultural nonprofits in the seven-county metro region, which includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

Help students help you with CAM Creative Corps

The CAM Creative Corps is a student-run operation within the College of Arts & Media at the University of Colorado Denver and a partnership with the Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media to help non-profit arts and cultural organizations pivot to online programming and remote learning opportunities. We work with real organizations to utilize various technologies to reach their audiences in new ways.

Creative Corps Students are able to support many platforms including Zoom, Facebook Live, Instagram Live, Skype, YouTube, Vimeo and Twitch. Creative Corps Students can also provide guidance on subjects such as reaching audiences through Instagram, utilizing multiple live streams, whether to present live or pre-recorded presentations and best practices for participating in a video presentation. How-to documents can also be provided for most platforms

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.



Engage with Us

SCFD offices reopen for limited in-person hours

As we begin to flatten the curve on the coronavirus in Colorado, the SCFD will reopen its office for limited, in-person hours. We will continue to practice social distancing by largely working remotely, but you'll be able to find us in our office at 1047 Santa Fe Drive in Denver in person on Mondays from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. by appointment only. Our new operating hours starting June 1, 2020, will be Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Have you updated our logo?

Just a friendly reminder that SCFD has updated its brand. We're asking all of our funded organizations to please use our new logo and messaging in all marketing materials. [You can download everything you need.](#)

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.

- At its May 28 board meeting, the board of directors approved an amended budget for fiscal year 2020.
- The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on June 25. The meeting will be held virtually. [You can see information for attending closer to the date.](#)

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