News and Information for the SCFD Family

Do you know an organization looking to be funded by SCFD? Eligibility applications deadline is approaching.

The deadline to apply to become eligible for SCFD funding is 4 p.m. on September 10. Organizations can learn more about SCFD eligibility. Please note: No currently-funded organization is required to complete this – new organizations only.

Learn more at the SCFD Open House
Organizations interested in learning more can attend the Eligibility Open House from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11. Interested organizations should sign up for a time slot to discuss their specifics with SCFD staff.

Tier III COVID status reports due Aug. 31

SCFD is asking Tier III organizations to submit their third online status update to keep SCFD informed of any changes your organization has made to its operations and programming in the wake of COVID for funding received in October 2020 that can be used through December 31, 2021. The deadline to submit your online form is August 31, 2021. Organizations can find a link to the report on the Tier III page of the SCFD website.

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. If you have questions about process or technology, you’re likely to find the answers here:
Apply Today for Leadership Arts 2021-2022

Celebrating 25 years in 2021, CBCA's Leadership Arts program is a nine-month training program that prepares people to serve on nonprofit boards of directors and increase their civic engagement in the arts. Leadership Arts 2021-2022 has a fresh dual-track, hybrid approach. Sessions will alternate between in-person gatherings at cultural venues and virtual classes for increased flexibility, accessibility and statewide reach. Participants can select the comprehensive program experience or an abbreviated virtual-only track. Applications are due by Friday, August 13. EARLY BIRD applications received by July 16 receive 10 percent savings on tuition.

Arts in Society Grants are open

Arts in Society is a collaborative grant-making program that fosters cross-sector work through the arts by supporting the integration of arts and culture into multiple disciplines critical to the health and well-being of Coloradans. The program, which is administered by RedLine Contemporary Art Center and funded through a cohort of Colorado foundations, provides grants ranging in size from $5,000-$35,000 to individuals and organizations who seek to implement projects that utilize the arts as an integral element in promoting social justice and community welfare. Submission deadline is September 14, 2021. You can learn more.

2021 SCFD Regional Demographic Survey

SCFD believes that all residents of our Denver/Metro community should have access to world class, life changing art, culture and science.
experiences. Furthermore, SCFD is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and we view data as an essential tool to practice this commitment. We are asking SCFD funded organizations to have their board, staff, and volunteers complete this 3-minute survey. Please also complete it if you are a cultural council member or SCFD staff and Board. Information collected is anonymous and in aggregate format to protect personal information and identity. The data collected will serve multiple purposes: to help us understand how we reflect the communities we serve, to equip our staff with critical data to better serve the needs of our communities, and to track our progress with our Board and our grantees and communities. This demographic survey will be conducted annually to better evaluate trends. Deadline to complete is August 11, 2021.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Save the Date to celebrate with us
SCFD -- in partnership with our neighbor, the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation -- will (finally) be celebrating our new offices with an Open House from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21. Stay tuned for more information and a formal invitation coming soon. But for now, don’t let your calendar fill up!

Onward and upward
Please join us in wishing Heather Porter the best in her new endeavors as she leaves the SCFD family. Heather served as a program officer supporting the work of the county cultural councils in Douglas and Arapahoe counties as well as the overall work of the SCFD. She had previously worked for the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver. We will miss her contributions.

Meet our new board members
The SCFD is governed by a board of directors appointed by each participating county and the governor. SCFD is happy to welcome two new board members:
- Jamie Torres took office as the Denver City Council Member representing District 3, Denver’s westside
- Jacki Cooper Melmed currently serves as Chief Legal Counsel for Governor Jared Polis

Meet our new board members

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 2021, we are reactivating 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 Aug. 26. Get more information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2021 board meetings.