



News and Information for the SCFD Family

Imagine that...

A month without a deadline you need to worry about. Happy Summer, everyone!

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:

Tier I

Tier II

Tier III

Resources for Good

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.](#)

NEA Grants from the American Rescue Plan

Calling all arts and culture organizations. New grants are available from the National Endowment for the Arts. \$80 million in American Rescue Plan funds is available. [Learn more about the opportunity and sign up for webinars to learn how to apply.](#)



Engage with Us

Thoughts on freedom

During July celebrations of our nation's founding, our thoughts often turn toward the nature of freedom as it relates to the higher calling of our country's creed. We might also think about that concept in the context of freedom to live our lives to their fullest potential and in the ways we each determine individually, regardless of our abilities and challenges. This July, we pause to reflect on the 31st Anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act. Signed into law on July 26, 1990, the act represented the first steps toward inclusion for the one in five Americans who live with some form of disability. While there is still much progress to be made, this first acknowledgment in federal law that discrimination in employment, public accommodation, public services, transportation and

telecommunications would not be tolerated marked the beginning of real and sustainable change.

In the Denver metro area, this real change included the growth and expansion of the disability community across the arts and culture landscape. Organizations sprouted from this inclusive moment are now mainstays of our performing and visual arts offerings for all Coloradans. Here are the stories of a few who contribute to this shared experience. Meet Teri Wagner, a dance and performance pioneer and founder of Spoke N Motion, Jocelyn Roy, a working graphic artist at Access Gallery and Ben Raanan, the new artistic director for Phamaly Theater Company.

[Meet the Artists](#)

With SCFD, communities chart their own cultural future

Each year, community members from across the Denver metro area gather to grant millions of dollars to arts, culture and science organizations in their cities, towns and neighborhoods. Just one penny on every \$10 spent in the seven-county area – collected by the SCFD – make this possible. [Take a minute to meet some of the volunteers that make it possible for each community to determine its own cultural future.](#)

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.](#)



Kendra Black
Denver County Appointee

Kendra Black was born and raised in southeast Denver a graduate of Denver’s Thomas Jefferson High School, with a BA in history and political science and an MA in history from the University of Colorado. Her experience includes work in non-profits, education and community outreach. She recently left her job at the University of Colorado Denver where she ran a statewide academic program to serve on Denver City Council. Councilwomen Black joined the board in July 2015.



Carlos Martinez
Gubernatorial Appointee

Mr. Martinez is a senior executive with a long track record of leadership, organizational management, and nonprofit expertise. Currently, Carlos serves as the Executive Director of the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, with the mission to strengthen the Latino community of Colorado through community impact, human capital, and philanthropy. Previously, Carlos was the CEO of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of Colorado and the Executive Director of the Fresno Art Museum in Fresno, CA. Currently, he is on the board of the Colorado Health Foundation, Vice President of the Denver Public Library Commission and is an honorary board member of the GLBT Community Center of Colorado. He joined the board on May 2018. His 1st term expired in May 2021.