



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.



Each year, dozens of volunteers from the seven-county metro area ensure that millions of dollars in arts, culture and science funding go to more than 300 community-based organizations

The entire SCFD would like to offer deep thanks to all the members of the county cultural councils. Your dedication and commitment to your communities is an inspiration to all of us.

[Learn more about county cultural councils >](#)



We fund culture.

Even during the pandemic, the SCFD provided 300+ arts and culture organizations with \$63,000,000



Engage with Us

Help us welcome, Arlene!

Arlene Hicks is the newest member of the SCFD team joining as our administrative assistant in June of 2021. She has spent much of her career working with nonprofits including a tenure as Executive Director of a Tier III organization in Littleton (Young Voices of Colorado). For over 12 years Arlene was part of the Arts Integrated Resources department of Kaiser Permanente, helping to bring health education to our community. Arlene holds a degree in Communication from Michigan State University (Go GREEN!). When not at work, you can find Arlene reading, crocheting, or out trying to log 10,000 steps a day. You can reach her at arlene@scfd.org.



New organizations join the SCFD each year

Every year, organizations who are not currently part of the SCFD can apply to be eligible to receive funding. This process is the first step organizations take to become part of the SCFD funding family. Since voters conceived of the SCFD 30 years ago, the number of organizations supported by the district has grown to more than 300. [You can learn more about the process](#)

SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will be held virtually at 1 p.m. on May 27. [Get more information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2021 board meetings.](#)

Board Spotlight

To help you learn a little more about the leadership of the district, we'll be featuring a brief spotlight on each of our current members of the SCFD Board of Directors. SCFD board members represent each of the district's seven-member counties and are appointed by the county commissioners in their county. In addition, the governor appoints four members.



Jake Zambrano **Arapahoe County Appointee**

Jake Zambrano has specialized in state government relations, public affairs, grassroots advocacy, and political campaign management for over 15 years. He has represented a number of clients at the Colorado General Assembly including Colorado Mesa University, Medtronic, Boehringer – Ingelheim, Extraction Oil and Gas, Community Financial Services Association, Mile High Racing and Entertainment and the Common Sense Policy Roundtable to name a few. Prior to joining EIS Solutions, Jake was a senior manager with two other firms specializing in lobbying, project management, campaign development and government affairs. [Read more.](#)