



New study shows impact of cultural organizations, illuminates pandemic challenges

The truth is, cultural organizations are critical pieces of our communities. They bind us together. They invite us to experiences and expose us to the joy of shared wonder. And they contribute in myriad other ways including to employment and economic benefit. A new study by the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts outlines these deep benefits. And it also shows the realities of the pandemic shutdown for the nearly 300 organizations funded by the SCFD. During 2020, organizations from across the sector lost about a decade's worth of financial growth. That's why funding you make possible through the SCFD is so critical. In 2020, you provided \$64 million in stabilizing funding to ensure that our arts and cultural organizations endure. That's why we can proudly say that not a single organization funded by the SCFD closed during the pandemic.

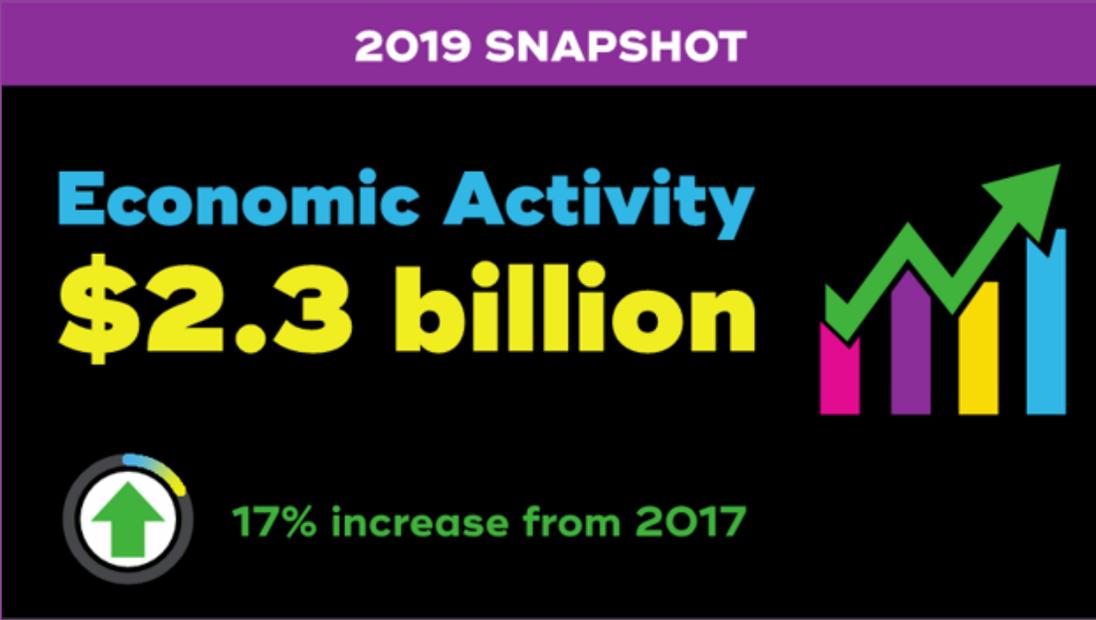
Below you can see both the impact of our creative sector during our last typical year (2019) as well as the stabilizing funding provided by SCFD during the pandemic shutdown (2020).



[Read the full report](#)



We fund culture.





Engage with Us

Broomfield Museum brings home contributions of veterans

On Nov. 11, we can all take a moment to pause and reflect on the sacrifice and service of our nation's veterans both past and present. One SCFD-funded organization can help. The [Broomfield Veterans Museum](#) is a tangible testament to all that we owe our veterans. Take [a virtual tour](#), or visit them in person.



Make a plan for Colorado Gives Day

Thousands of nonprofit organizations across the state rely on Colorado Gives Day to raise valuable resources for their mission. Don't forget the arts, culture and scientific organizations you love when you are making your giving plan. [You can learn more.](#)

[Colorado Gives Day is Dec. 7. Make a plan to give.](#)

SCFD Annual Report

You formed the SCFD more than 30 years ago and you've agreed to keep it going three additional times in its history, most recently in 2016. Your support has meant our region has one of the richest tapestries of cultural institutions in the country. Even during a pandemic, your support allowed our arts, cultural and scientific organizations to weather the storm. [You can read all about the impact you made in our annual report.](#)

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 Nov. 18. [Get more information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2021 board meetings.](#)

Board Spotlight

Each month, we take a moment to introduce you to one of our board members. This month's spotlight focuses on Governor's Appointee, Mr. Jack Finlaw.



Jack Finlaw, Governor's Appointee

Jack Finlaw is the President and CEO of the University of Colorado of Foundation following a tenure as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor John Hickenlooper. He served as Director of Denver's Theatres as Arenas Division and as Deputy Chief of Staff during Hickenlooper's tenure as the Mayor of Denver. In these roles, Mr. Finlaw oversaw the expansion of the Colorado Convention Center, the construction of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and the management of Denver's city-owned venues including the Denver Performing Arts Complex and Red Rocks Amphitheater. He joined the board in May 2018. His 2nd term expires in May 2024.

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