

2023 Arapahoe County Tier III SCFD Grant Evaluation Criteria

The primary purpose of the SCFD is to provide for the enlightenment and entertainment of the public through the production, presentation, exhibition, advancement or preservation of visual arts, performing arts, cultural history, natural history, or natural

Applicant: _____

Decision Tree (GOS/Project eligibility)		Y/N	Notes
GOS	Only organizations that are based in Arapahoe County and/or have attendees of which at least 51% are Arapahoe County residents may apply for GOS. (A no answer disqualifies the applicant from funding in Arapahoe County)		
Project	Request is 50% or less of total project budget (if not amend here)		
Evaluation Criteria	During the review period, the council may send you questions about your application. Failure to respond in a timely manner may negatively impact your overall score.	Points (0 to 5)	
Organization, Programs, and Audience		Score	Notes
1.	<i>Organization's mission and history are clearly and concisely articulated.</i>		
2.	<i>Program attendance and audience feedback (surveys, social media activity, etc.) are collected, reviewed and incorporated to ensure continuous program improvement.</i>		
3.	<i>Applicant clearly articulates their actions to solve challenges and provides detail on their opportunities, strategies and solutions/outcomes.</i>		
4.	<i>To what extent will programs be inclusive, accessible and serve the diverse populations that live within Arapahoe County.</i>		
5.	<i>Staffing/volunteer structure enhances organizational capacity.</i>		
6.	<i>Organization does not over-rely on SCFD funding and has diverse funding sources and contributors.</i>		
7.	<i>Financial reports are clear and concise and organization demonstrates its ability to weather financial challenges.</i>		
8.	<i>List of program activities clearly meets application criteria (closed rehearsals, fundraisers, private events, board meetings, etc. are not included).</i>		
9.	<i>Applicant clearly explains the use of requested funds, including any significant changes in request over prior year.</i>		
10.	<i>Offerings will enrich and expand programming to and/or within Arapahoe County.</i>		
Org Total (Out of 50):			
Project Questions		Score	Notes
1.	<i>Does this project demonstrate that it specifically benefits the residents of Arapahoe County?</i>		
2.	<i>Does the project have explicit objectives?</i>		
3.	<i>Organization demonstrates marketing/advertising efforts targeted towards Arapahoe County residents.</i>		
Project Total (Out of 15)			

Grant Evaluation Scoring Descriptions

0. Non-conforming	The applicant <i>did not provide</i> the information or did not qualify under SCFD/and or Arapahoe County guidelines.
1. Minimum	Applicant provides minimum required evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the programs and budget are appropriate but with limited detail, and are not well-aligned with the narrative, and/or the support materials are limited and/or uneven in quality.
2. Below Average	Applicant provides limited evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the programs and budget are appropriate but with limited detail, and are not well-aligned with the narrative, and/or the support materials are limited and/or uneven in quality.
3. Average	Applicant provides clear evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the plans are articulated and appropriate, the budget is realistic and aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of acceptable quality and relevant.
4. Above Average	Applicant provides additional evidence that the criteria are met, i.e., the plans are well-articulated and appropriate, the budget is realistic, comprehensive and carefully aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of good quality, relevant and lead to an understanding of the organization and its work.
5. Excellent/ Outstanding	Applicant provides <i>outstanding</i> evidence that all criteria are met, i.e., the plans are fully detailed and appropriate, the budget is realistic, comprehensive and carefully aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of the highest quality, highly relevant and lead to a deep understanding of the organization and its work.