



2026 TIER III COUNTY GUIDELINE MATRIX

This document serves as a summary of county guidelines only. Refer to each county's grant guidelines for complete requirements and details.

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Multi-county Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 4:00 pm							
Single-County Deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 4:00 pm							
General Operating Support (GOS) <i>An unrestricted grant that helps the organization achieve its mission.</i>							
County Requirements for GOS	For General Operating Support, virtual attendance/activities from most recently completed fiscal year <u>will not</u> be included to determine compliance.						
	-- Available to organizations whose primary office is in Adams County AND that a minimum of 33% of the organization's activities take place in Adams County, as reported on the previously completed fiscal year. -- Grants given are based on a fundraising match formula, not a requested amount. (This will be a pro-rated percentage of available funds with a \$65,000 maximum to any single organization per grant cycle.) -- GOS funding decisions will be made using the financials from the organization's most recently completed fiscal year.	-- Organizations applying for GOS in another county cannot apply for GOS in Arapahoe County. The Council encourages those organizations to apply for project funding in lieu of GOS. -- Only organizations that are focused on Arapahoe County and/or have attendees of which at least 51% are Arapahoe County residents may apply. -- GOS request must not exceed 30% of the previous year's expenses or revenues (whichever is less) using financials from the organization's most recently completed fiscal year.	-- Organizations applying for GOS in Boulder County cannot apply for GOS in another county GOS funding available to organizations that: -- demonstrate a minimum of 51% of most recent fiscal year-end activities occur within Boulder County; or -- are geographically located in Boulder County, whose principal office address is within Boulder County. -- GOS grants must not exceed 25% of the organization's most recent fiscal year-end revenue, up to a maximum of \$40,000.	-- Available to organizations based in Broomfield. Broomfield organizations should Only apply for GOS. -- GOS request cannot exceed \$50,000.	-- To qualify for funding, 51% of an organization's activities must take place within the boundaries of the City and County of Denver. -- Requests must be for a minimum of \$500 and cannot exceed \$90,000. -- Requests may not be for more than 25% of the organization's prior year expenses or revenues, whichever is less, except to meet the minimum of \$500.	-- Organizations applying for GOS in Douglas County. -- GOS is limited to organizations whose principal office is in Douglas County. Organizations must demonstrate they serve and benefit Douglas County residents. -- Grant requests should not exceed 30% of operating expenses using financials from the organization's most recently completed fiscal year. -- Not all organizations that apply for GOS may be funded, based on scores and funding available.	Available to organizations that: -- demonstrate a majority (at least 51%) of activities or attendance occur within Jefferson County in most recently completed fiscal year; and -- are geographically located in Jefferson County whose principal office address is within Jefferson County. -- Minimum grant request amount is \$750. -- Grant request must not exceed 25% of the most recently completed fiscal year's operating expenses or revenues, whichever is less.
Project Grant <i>A restricted grant given to support a specific event or connected set of activities, with a beginning and an end, explicit objectives, and a predetermined cost.</i>							
County Requirements	For Project Grants, virtual programming <u>will not</u> be accepted. For hybrid programming, the project request budget can only reflect the in-person portion of the program.						



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for Project Grants	-- Projects must benefit Adams County residents. -- Projects taking place in a school must be within Adams County borders. -- Organizations may apply for up to 2 projects. -- Project requests cannot exceed 50% of the total project budget. -- A single organization cannot receive more than 20% of funds designated for projects.	-- The funding request may not exceed more than 50% of the total project budget. -- The project must demonstrate that it specifically benefits the residents of Arapahoe County . -- Festival applicants are encouraged to apply for project funding. The ACCC encourages these applicants to focus on the following in their narrative: uniqueness of offering, size, and accessibility of the festival, and actively marketed to the residents of Arapahoe County.	-- A project grant is available to support a specific event or connected set of activities that are unique to, and occurring <u>within</u> , Boulder County. -- Available only to out-of-county organizations. -- A single project grant request (and budget) should be submitted. -- The maximum award is \$5,000. -- If the project includes activities in more than one county, the budget may be inclusive for all counties, but the percent of the total for each county must be specified.	-- A project is considered one or more activities that are linked by content, audience or venue & may take place inside or outside the County where Broomfield participation is documented. -- ONLY non-Broomfield-based organizations can apply for 1 project. -- Project request cannot exceed \$6,500 .	-- Denver County does not accept project requests.	-- Applicants are limited to one project request. -- Douglas County based organizations may apply for one project grant in addition to their GOS request. -- Project Grants must be for activities that take place in Douglas County or if events are outside of Douglas County, the applicant must prove that 51% of attendance is from Douglas County residents. -- Grant request should not exceed 40% of project cost.	-- All activities for which funding is requested must be conducted within Jefferson County. -- Request must not exceed 25% of the projected Jefferson County portion of project budget expenses or revenue, whichever is less. -- Project budget request must be for no longer than 12 months. -- For multi-county applicant, a Jefferson County-only project budget is requested. -- Minimum project request amount is \$750.
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Other	-- Adams County-based organizations can apply for up to one (1) permanent public visual art grant per cycle and must be completed within three years. -- No more than 2/3 of the total project budget may be requested.	-- Organizations may apply for one grant only . Either one GOS request or one project grant request. Not both . -- Organizations applying for GOS in another county cannot apply for GOS in Arapahoe County . The Council encourages those organizations to apply for project funding in lieu of GOS.	-- Organizations may not apply for both GOS and Project funding. -- Due to limitations in funds and based on rubric scoring, some projects may not be allocated funding. -- Organizations applying for GOS in Boulder County cannot apply for GOS in another county	-- Organizations that receive funding from the Broomfield CCC in the SCFD grant process are not eligible for the Broomfield Arts, Culture, Science (ACS) grants in the same year.	-- EDI discretionary funding available to eligible organizations through separate application. See: http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/ for guidelines & application. -- Council may ask for additional information from an organization to clarify the nature and number of activities reported to ensure compliance with the Denver City Council's Majority of Activities rule.	-- Venues within the town limits of Castle Rock & Larkspur are NOT within SCFD District. Such activities must be reported as "Outside of SCFD/Within CO." See map of SCFD district lines in Douglas County . -- Those applying for GOS from Douglas County cannot apply for GOS in another county .	-- Requests can be made for either General Operating Support or Project Grant, not both .
Cultural Council Study Sessions	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.	-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions. There are no interviews.