



# 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.

Categories	Adams	Arapahoe	Boulder	Broomfield	Denver	Douglas	Jefferson
Multi-county Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 4:00 pm							
Single-County Deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 4:00 pm							
<b>General Operating Support (GOS)</b> An <u>unrestricted</u> grant that helps the organization achieve its mission.							
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 <b>AND</b> 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, <b>not</b> a requested amount. (This will be a pro-rated percentage of available funds with a <b>\$65,000 maximum</b> 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.	-- <b>Organizations applying for GOS in another county cannot apply for GOS in Arapahoe County.</b> 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 <b>must not exceed 30%</b> of the previous year's expenses or revenues (whichever is less) using financials from the organization's most recently completed fiscal year.	-- <b>Organizations applying for GOS in Boulder County cannot apply for GOS in another county</b> 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 <b>Only</b> 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.	-- <b>Organizations applying for GOS in another county cannot apply for GOS in Douglas County.</b> -- GOS is limited to organizations whose principal office is in Douglas County. <b>Organizations must demonstrate they serve and benefit Douglas County residents.</b> -- 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; <b>and</b> -- 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.
<b>Project Grant</b> A <u>restricted</u> grant given to support a specific event or connected set of activities, with a beginning and an end, explicit objectives, and a predetermined cost.							
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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<b>for Project Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Projects must benefit Adams County residents.</li> <li>-- Projects taking place in a school must be within Adams County borders.</li> <li>-- Organizations may apply for up to 2 projects.</li> <li>-- Project requests <b>cannot exceed 50%</b> of the total project budget.</li> <li>-- A single organization cannot receive more than 20% of funds designated for projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- The funding request may not exceed more than 50% of the total project budget.</li> <li>-- The project must demonstrate that it <b>specifically benefits the residents of Arapahoe County</b>.</li> <li>-- 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- 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.</li> <li>-- Available <b>only</b> to out-of-county organizations.</li> <li>-- A single project grant request (and budget) should be submitted.</li> <li>-- The maximum award is \$5,000.</li> <li>-- 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- A project is considered one or more activities that are linked by content, audience or venue &amp; may take place inside or outside the County where Broomfield participation is documented.</li> <li>-- ONLY non-Broomfield-based organizations can apply for 1 project.</li> <li>-- Project request <b>cannot exceed \$6,500</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Denver County does <b>not</b> accept project requests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applicants are limited to <b>one</b> project request.</li> <li>-- Douglas County based organizations may apply for <b>one</b> project grant in addition to their GOS request.</li> <li>-- 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.</li> <li>-- Grant request should not exceed 40% of project cost.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- All activities for which funding is requested must be conducted within Jefferson County.</li> <li>-- Request must not exceed 25% of the projected <u>Jefferson County portion</u> of project budget expenses or revenue, whichever is less.</li> <li>-- Project budget request must be for no longer than 12 months.</li> <li>-- For multi-county applicant, a Jefferson County-only project budget is requested.</li> <li>-- Minimum project request amount is \$750.</li> </ul>
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<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- 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.</li> <li>-- No more than 2/3 of the total project budget may be requested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Organizations may apply for <b>one grant only</b>. Either one GOS request or one project grant request. <b>Not both</b>.</li> <li>-- <b>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.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Organizations may <b>not</b> apply for both GOS and Project funding.</li> <li>-- Due to limitations in funds and based on rubric scoring, some projects <b>may not</b> be allocated funding.</li> <li>-- <b>Organizations applying for GOS in Boulder County cannot apply for GOS in another county</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- EDI discretionary funding available to eligible organizations through separate application. See: <a href="http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/">http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/</a> for guidelines &amp; application.</li> <li>-- 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Venues within the town limits of Castle Rock &amp; Larkspur are <b>NOT</b> within SCFD District. Such activities must be reported as "Outside of SCFD/Within CO." See <a href="#">map of SCFD district lines in Douglas County</a>.</li> <li>-- <b>Those applying for GOS from Douglas County cannot apply for GOS in another county.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Requests can be made for <b>either</b> General Operating Support or Project Grant, <b>not</b> both.</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Council Study Sessions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Applications will be discussed during study sessions.</li> <li>-- There are no interviews.</li> </ul>