

Denver County Cultural Council (DCCC)

SCFD Tier III 2021 Distribution Plan

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DCCC Responsibilities

- Determines selection criteria and makes funding decisions for Tier III organizations.
- DCCC presents funding plan annually to Denver City Council Committee.
- DCCC submits an annual plan to the SCFD Board of Directors for the distribution of Tier III revenues collected within the geographic boundaries of the City and County of Denver.

Denver County Grant Overview

FUNDS ARE *GENERALLY* DISTRIBUTED IN THREE POOLS:

- **General Operating Support (GOS)**
 - March application deadline → October funding distribution
 - Grant applications for only GOS - No project grants
 - Recipients must be committed to benefitting the broad diversity of Denver tax-paying residents
 - Organizations should show how they support the implementation of IMAGINE 2020, Denver's Cultural Plan
 - Requests are limited to up to 15% or \$85,000, whichever is lower
 - Organizations must hold a majority of their activities in Denver
 - DCCC has option for modifying funding schema
 - DCCC evaluates organizations through Values document

2020 COVID-19 Impact

- **Discretionary Funding Program**

- Nov Application deadline → December funding distribution

- ***Innovative Collaborative Projects***

- Support collaborative projects that show great innovation and creativity

- ***Organizational Development Grants***

- Improve and expand an organization's expertise and ability to fulfill its mission

Discretionary Funds were repurposed as Emergency Funds

Average check was \$1,460

2021 Discretionary Grants

\$90,162.14

- ***Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Advancement Grants***

Grants designed to address the organization's need to plan and execute actions that further equity, diversity, and inclusion for BIPOC and other historically excluded communities including LGBTQ+ and people with disabilities.

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GOS Granting Timeline

- **March:** Applications are due to SCFD (SCFD screens for eligibility and performs financial analysis)
- **April-June:** Evaluation of applications
- **June:** DCCC makes funding determination
- **July-August:** Denver City Council presentation and submission to SCFD
- **September:** SCFD Board funding approval
- **October:** Funding distribution

2021 Grants

SCFD 2021 ALLOCATION	\$2,403,242.87
5% to Discretionary Pool	\$120,162.14
Top Score Level	89
# of Organizations with Scores above 89	6
Top Score Incremental Funding (from Discretionary Pool)	\$5,000
Total Top Score Incremental Funding	\$30,000
Final 2021 Discretionary Pool	\$90,162.14
GOS Funding, prior to Top Score Incremental	\$2,283,080.73
TOTAL 2021 GOS FUNDING, post Top Score Incremental	\$2,313,080.73

2021 Distribution Summary

TOTAL GOS Grants	\$2,313,080.73
No. of Organizations	87
Largest Grant	\$69,367.77
Smallest Grant	\$1,359.62

- Denver's 2021 Grants: \$2,313,080.73 (up from 2020: \$2,246,171.59)
- 2021 GOS Requests total: \$3,320,168.68 (up from 2020: \$3,247,394.55)
- Top six organizations: Warm Cookies of the Revolution, RedLine, Access Gallery, Cleo Parker Robinson, Dragon Boat 5280, Platte Forum

Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave Update

- "Adversary to Advocate" exhibition
- Updated messaging
- Museum Introductory Film
- Diversifying museum's collections
- Training
- American Indian Commission
- Renaming Commission