

DENVER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL (DCCC) SCFD TIER III 2026 DISTRIBUTION PLAN



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SCFD OVERVIEW

- Seven counties
- One penny on every \$10 in sales and use tax
- Three Tiers



DENVER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL

- Suzi Q. Smith, Chair
- Adrienna Lujan, Co-Chair
- Jose Rosales, Executive Committee Member & DAV appointee
- Ana Varela, Executive Committee member
- Stephen Brackett
- Samantha Franklin
- Eric Golden, Denver Public Schools appointee
- Bobby LeFebre
- Heather Porter
- Melissa Schenter, Visit Denver appointee
- Stephanie Syner

SCFD TIER III ORGANIZATIONS BY DISTRICT

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT	CITY COUNCIL REP	# of ORGS PER DISTRICT
1	Amanda Sandoval	7
2	Kevin Flynn	1
3	Jamie Torres	15
4	Diana Romero Campbell	1
5	Amanda Sawyer	15
6	Paul Kashmann	9
7	Flor Alvidrez	7
8	Shontel M. Lewis	5
9	Darrell Watson	16
10	Chris Hinds	16
11	Stacie Gilmore	0
Outside of Denver	-	18

NEW TIER III ORGANIZATIONS IN DENVER

ArtistiCO

District 3

Denver's Arts District on Santa Fe

District 3

Colorado New Style Foundation

District 9

Denver Turnverein

District 10

Sage Singers

District 10

DENVER COUNTY GRANTS OVERVIEW

- **General Operating Support (GOS)**
 - Recipients must be committed to benefitting the broad diversity of Denver tax-paying residents
 - Requests are limited to up to 25% or \$90,000.00 whichever is less
 - Organizations must hold a majority of their activities in Denver
 - DCCC has option for modifying funding schema
 - DCCC evaluates organizations through the recently updated unifying scoring rubric
- **Discretionary Grants**

EVALUATION RUBRIC

- **Organization Mission & Objectives**
- **Operations & Strategy**
- **Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity and Accessibility**
- **Financial Responsibility**
- **Impact on County Residents**

2026 GRANTS

SCFD 2026 ALLOCATION	\$ 3,693,210.22
5% to Discretionary Pool (\$ 184,660.51) Will not offer Discretionary Grant in 2026	\$ 0.00
Top Score Range	80-89.8
# of Organizations with Scores above 80	24
TOTAL 2026 GOS FUNDING, post Top Score Incremental	\$ 3,693,210.22

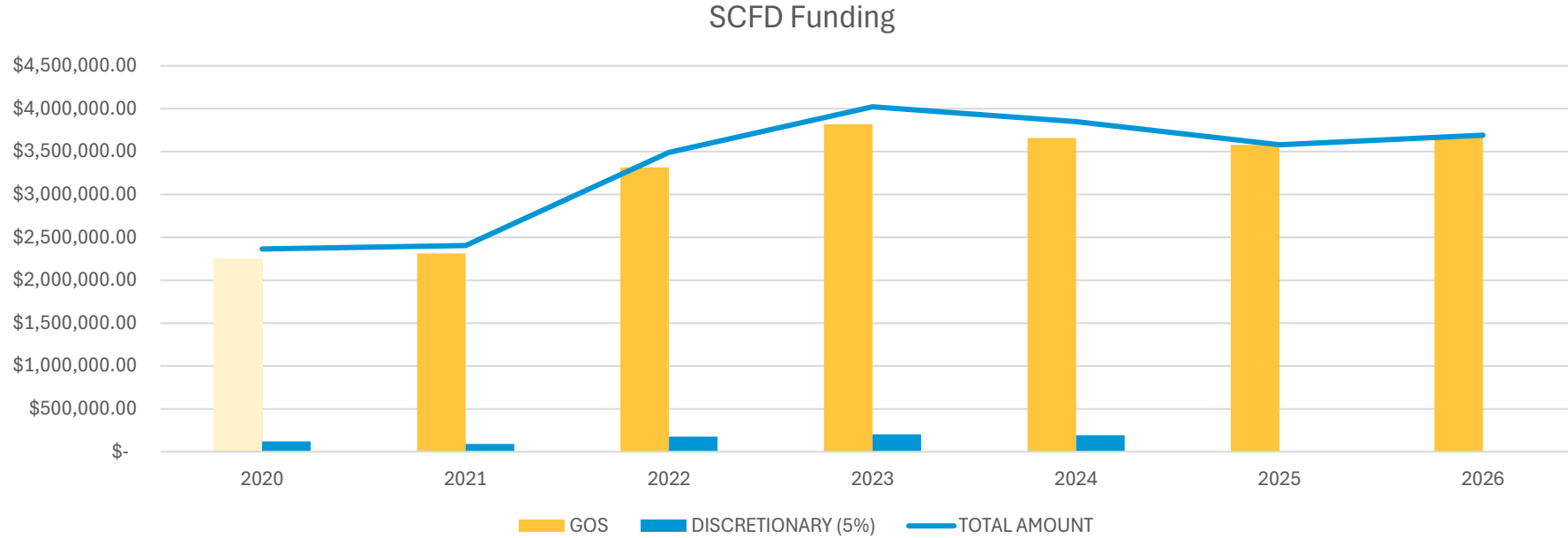
2026 DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

TOTAL GOS Grants	\$ 3,693,210.22
Number of Organizations	97
Largest Grant	\$ 68,838.59
Smallest Grant	\$ 263.96

2026 DISTRIBUTION DATA

- Denver's 2026 Grants: \$ 3,693,210.22
(up 3.21% from 2025: \$ 3,578,462.93)
- 2026 GOS Requests total: \$ 5,596,199.74
(up 14.79% from 2025: \$ 4,875,176.49)
- Top scoring 10 organizations: Colorado Dragon Boat, Warm Cookies of the Revolution, New Dance Theatre, Su Teatro, Access Gallery, Centro Cultural Mexicano, City Park Jazz, Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), ArtistiCO, Biennial of the Americas

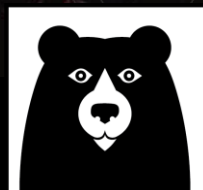
SCFD FUNDING 2021 - 2026



YEAR	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
GOS	\$ 2,313,080.73	\$3,316,214.91	\$3,821,829.11	\$ 3,658,352.58	\$ 3,578,462.93	3,693,210.22
DISCRETIONARY (5%)	\$ 90,162.14	\$ 174,537.63	\$ 201,148.90	\$ 192,544.87	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 2,403,242.87	\$ 3,490,752.54	\$ 4,022,978.01	\$ 3,850,897.45	\$ 3,578,462.93	\$ 3,693,210.22
% CHANGE (YoY)	1.64%	45.25%	15.25%	-4.28%	-7.33%	3.21%



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