

DENVER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL (DCCC)

2020 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 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

COVID-19 IMPACT

– Discretionary Funding Program

- Nov Application deadline → December funding distribution

- ***Innovative Collaborative***

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

GOS GRANTING TIMELINE

- **March:** Applications are due to SCFD (SCFD screens for eligibility and performs financial analysis)
- **April-June:** ~~Weekly interviews with DCCC for each applicant.~~
Due to COVID-19, DCCC sent questions to organizations via email.
- **June:** DCCC makes funding determination
- **July-August:** Denver City Council presentation and submission to SCFD
- **September:** SCFD Board funding approval
- **October:** Funding distribution at ~~Check Ceremony~~

2020 GRANTS

- Denver's total 2020 SCFD allocation is \$2,364,391.15
 - Down 11% from \$2,650,212.43 in 2019
- 2020 GOS Requests totaled \$3,247,394.55
 - Down 2% from \$3,323,424.91 in 2019
- 5% or \$118,219.56 was distributed as an Emergency Fund due to COVID-19
- \$2,246,171.59 is available for GOS distribution
 - Down 15% from \$2,650,212.48 in 2019

2020 DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Total SCFD GOS Denver Funding	\$2,246,171.59
Year-to Year Change	<15%>
No. of Organizations	85
Largest Grant	\$66,349.17
Smallest Grant	\$756.22

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM & GRAVE

The Council discussed Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave's inaccurate historical depiction and relationship between Indigenous peoples and Buffalo Bill.

The Council decided to cut the model's allocation to the organization by 60% with stipulations that museum's leaders engage with our Indigenous population to accurately reflect the exploitative nature of Buffalo Bill and tell a complete history.