

BOULDER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL (BCCC)

***PRESENTATION TO THE BOULDER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***

JULY 23, 2026



BOULDER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL

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Robin Valdez
– BCCC Liaison
Kirsten Lang
– SCFD Program Officer
Teresa Valerio Parrot
– Boulder County SCFD Board Representative

* **Note:** The council voted to increase the number of seats to 11 members to help with workload.



GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

April 14, 21, 28 & May 5:

- Study Sessions held to discuss submitted grant applications.
- General Operating Support Grants reviewed in first three sessions grouped by budget size.
- Project applications reviewed in final session.
- Council questions were given to the organizations who had one week to respond.

May 12: All BCCC scores submitted for tabulation

May 19: Allocation Meeting – review possible funding scenarios and approval of funding plan

July 23: BCCC presents to Boulder County Commissioners

Sept 24: BCCC presents to SCFD Board of Directors



BOULDER COUNTY SCFD TIER III ALLOCATION HISTORY

	2026	2025	2024
Boulder SCFD Tier 3 Available Funds	\$ 1,301,726	\$ 1,310,170	\$ 1,429,229
% Increase/Decrease in Available Funds from Previous Yr	-0.64%	-8.30%	-2.10%
# Total Applications	106	94	90
# GOS Applications	70	66	65
# Project Applications	36	28	25
Boulder SCFD Tier 3 Funds Requested (Amended)	\$ 2,194,577	\$ 2,067,322	\$ 1,995,309
- GOS Funding Requested (Amended)	\$ 2,039,341	\$ 1,946,072	\$ 1,883,251
- Project Funding Requested (Amended)	\$ 155,236	\$ 121,250	\$ 112,051
- Project Funding Requested %	7.1%	5.9%	5.6%



UNIFIED SCORING RUBRIC

- Used by all seven county cultural councils
- Weighting for the first and fifth categories adjusted via consensus of the 2025 Cultural Council Chairs to increase emphasis on County Impact.



Unified Scoring Rubric

1. Organization Mission and Objectives (5 points)

- The organization's mission and history are clearly and concisely articulated.
- Organization's activities are mission-based.

2. Operations and Strategy (10 points)

- Organization has adequate staffing levels and well-defined roles, including board, staff, and volunteers.
- Organization adequately describes its approach to program evaluation.
- Organization's education programs and/or collaborations are clearly defined.

3. Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility (10 points)

- Organization demonstrates that EDIA practices are embedded in hiring and programming.
- Strategies for diversifying the board, staff, and audiences are clearly stated.
- Programs authentically engage the diverse populations that live within the county.
- Outreach efforts and program participation demonstrate a commitment to providing access for under-resourced and historically underserved communities.
- Organization has an evaluation process in place to gauge the progress of EDIA efforts and their impact.

4. Financial Responsibility (10 points)

- Organization has adequate reserves (3-6 mo.).
- Organization has diverse funding sources.
- Requested funds are appropriate for the scale and impact of the described activity/project.
- Financials are accurate and concise. Any deficits, excess profits, and/or large fluctuations are explained.

5. Impact on County Residents (15 points)

- Organization marketing strategy is specific to the county(ies) where programming will occur. Marketing strategy targets all residents of the county.
- Organization describes a direct benefit to and active engagement with the county's residents and visitors.
- Planned activities expand and/or enrich programming available to county residents.

ALLOCATION FORMULA 2026

BCCC Guidelines cap at \$40,000, or 25% of previous year revenue, whichever is lower, for GOS funding (organizations based in Boulder County) and \$5,000 for projects (organizations based outside Boulder County bringing programming to Boulder)

The BCCC looked at multiple scenarios including:

Scenario 1 – A straight calculation adjusting for council's mean score, allocating 95% of funding to GOS and 5% to projects.

Scenario 2 – Project funding calculated first using council's mean scores and then sorted by 'County Impact' scores. Due to decreased funding available and an increased number of projects, projects with a County Impact score under 10/15 are not funded (giving priority funding to remaining projects and GOS organizations). Once the project funding was determined, the GOS funding was calculated from the remaining funded based on the BCCC's scores.



GOS SCORES (Mean High to Low)

Organization	Amended Request	Mean
Growing Gardens of Boulder County	\$ 40,000.00	44.00
WOW Children's Museum World of Wonder	\$ 40,000.00	43.90
Motus Theater	\$ 40,000.00	43.55
Society for Creative Aging	\$ 26,495.00	43.45
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art	\$ 40,000.00	42.56
Grove Foundation dba Garden To Table	\$ 38,500.00	42.36
Historic Boulder, Inc.	\$ 32,181.00	42.18
Junkyard Social Club	\$ 40,000.00	42.09
Boulder Ballet	\$ 40,000.00	42.00
Colorado Film Society	\$ 40,000.00	42.00
Street Wise Arts	\$ 40,000.00	42.00
City of Lafayette Arts & Cultural Resources	\$ 40,000.00	41.82
Lafayette Historical Society	\$ 29,800.00	41.82
The Catamounts	\$ 40,000.00	41.82
Greater Boulder Youth Orchestras	\$ 40,000.00	41.64
Boulder Metalsmithing Association	\$ 40,000.00	41.55
Third Law Dance/Theater	\$ 40,000.00	41.45
Boulder Chorale	\$ 40,000.00	41.40
Band of Toughs	\$ 6,188.00	41.27
NoBo Art District	\$ 40,000.00	41.18
Carousel of Happiness Inc	\$ 20,000.00	41.00
Ocean First Institute	\$ 40,000.00	40.91
Turning the Wheel Productions	\$ 10,000.00	40.91
Longmont Symphony Society	\$ 35,000.00	40.67
Colorado MahlerFest	\$ 25,000.00	40.64
Arts Studio	\$ 29,000.00	40.27
Lyons Historical Society	\$ 7,500.00	40.27
Boulder Ensemble Theatre Company	\$ 40,000.00	39.82
City of Louisville	\$ 40,000.00	39.73
Louisville Art Association	\$ 5,000.00	39.64
Asian-Pacific Association of Longmont (A-PAL)	\$ 3,232.56	39.27
Compass Resonance	\$ 40,000.00	39.27
Flatirons Community Orchestra	\$ 13,817.00	39.27

Local Theater Company	\$ 40,000.00	39.27
Longmont Concert Band	\$ 4,000.00	39.18
T2 Dance Company	\$ 25,600.00	39.09
The Upstart Crow	\$ 8,970.00	39.00
Ars Nova Chamber Singers	\$ 40,000.00	38.91
Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance	\$ 14,000.00	38.73
Boulder Potters' Guild	\$ 25,000.00	38.64
Frequent Flyers Productions	\$ 40,000.00	38.45
Longmont Chorale	\$ 20,000.00	38.45
Rocky Mountain Chorale	\$ 4,000.00	38.45
Groundworks Art Lab	\$ 40,000.00	38.36
Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association	\$ 28,000.00	38.36
Cantabile Singers	\$ 19,000.00	38.27
Menorah: Arts, Culture, and Education at the Boulder JCC	\$ 32,500.00	38.27
CenterStage Theatre Company	\$ 40,000.00	38.00
Seicento Baroque Ensemble	\$ 10,104.00	37.91
Longmont Youth Symphony	\$ 10,000.00	37.64
Variety Arts of Louisville	\$ 40,000.00	37.64
Boulder County Arts Alliance	\$ 35,000.00	37.55
Muse Performance Space	\$ 38,000.00	37.36
Boulder Symphony	\$ 40,000.00	37.00
New Local CO	\$ 40,000.00	37.00
Boulder Concert Band	\$ 5,000.00	36.91
The Spark	\$ 40,000.00	36.82
Boulder Historical Society	\$ 40,000.00	36.20
Boulder County Audubon Society	\$ 6,000.00	36.18
Boulder Opera	\$ 40,000.00	36.18
Lemon Sponge Cake Contemporary Ballet	\$ 18,000.00	36.18
Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 40,000.00	35.64
Rocky Mountain Revels	\$ 8,000.00	35.45
Open Studios	\$ 35,000.00	35.18
Centennial State Ballet	\$ 40,000.00	34.55
Chamber Music Society of Boulder	\$ 30,000.00	34.18
Longmont Theatre Company	\$ 30,000.00	34.09
Rocky Ridge Music Center Foundation	\$ 30,000.00	32.55
Boulder Friends of Jazz	\$ 1,453.50	28.36



PROJECT SCORES (County Impact Score High to Low)

Organization	Amended Request	Mean	County Impact
Su Teatro	\$ 5,000.00	42.91	12.73
Feel the Beat Corp	\$ 5,000.00	40.91	12.27
Think 360 Arts for Learning	\$ 5,000.00	40.82	12.00
St. Andrew Society of Colorado	\$ 5,000.00	39.73	11.82
Control Group Productions	\$ 5,000.00	41.09	11.73
Fiesta Colorado	\$ 3,000.00	38.18	11.73
Mirror Image	\$ 5,000.00	41.55	11.73
Buntport Theater Company	\$ 2,500.00	39.18	11.55
Colorado Fine Arts Association	\$ 5,000.00	38.27	11.55
Evergreen Chorale	\$ 5,000.00	36.00	11.36
New Dance Theatre	\$ 5,000.00	41.64	11.36
Stories on Stage	\$ 5,000.00	39.18	11.36
Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance	\$ 5,000.00	39.18	11.27
Rocky Mountain Arts Association	\$ 5,000.00	39.82	11.18
Centro Cultural Mexicano	\$ 4,000.00	39.91	11.09
The Word, A Storytelling Sanctuary, Inc	\$ 5,000.00	39.18	11.09
A Child's Song	\$ 5,000.00	39.55	11.00
BackStory Theatre	\$ 1,850.00	38.55	10.82
Colorado Quilting Council, Inc	\$ 5,000.00	35.36	10.82
Colorado Jazz	\$ 5,000.00	37.91	10.73
Museo de las Americas	\$ 5,000.00	35.91	10.64
David Taylor's Zikr Dance Ensemble	\$ 5,000.00	35.82	10.55
Denver Municipal Band	\$ 2,208.00	39.82	10.55
Chicano Humanities and Arts Council	\$ 5,000.00	38.09	10.36
Sphere Ensemble	\$ 5,000.00	39.45	10.36
Seriesfest	\$ 5,000.00	36.36	10.27
Tunas Mekar Inc	\$ 5,000.00	35.09	10.27
Tango Colorado	\$ 5,000.00	35.64	10.18
Artistico	\$ 5,000.00	38.64	10.09
CMDance	\$ 5,000.00	39.30	10.00
Denver Pops Orchestra	\$ 3,527.50	36.18	9.91
TEPE	\$ 1,000.00	38.36	9.82
Colorado Conservatory of Dance	\$ 5,000.00	32.45	9.55
Evergreen Jazz Festival	\$ 1,050.00	33.82	9.45
Words To Power	\$ 5,000.00	35.55	9.09
Rocky Mountain Brassworks-A British Brass Band	\$ 1,100.00	30.64	8.82



GOS ALLOCATION 2026

General Operating Support (Boulder-Based Organizations)	Amount Recommended
Ars Nova Chamber Singers	\$ 23,056.68
Arts Studio	\$ 17,301.94
Asian-Pacific Association of Longmont (A-PAL)	\$ 1,880.72
Band of Toughs	\$ 3,783.55
Boulder Ballet	\$ 24,888.29
Boulder Chorale	\$ 24,532.74
Boulder Concert Band	\$ 2,733.94
Boulder County Arts Alliance	\$ 19,467.54
Boulder County Audubon Society	\$ 3,216.08
Boulder Ensemble Theatre Company	\$ 23,595.39
Boulder Friends of Jazz	\$ 610.75
Boulder Historical Society	\$ 21,451.33
Boulder Metalsmithing Association	\$ 24,618.93
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art	\$ 25,217.50
Boulder Opera	\$ 21,440.56
Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 21,117.33
Boulder Potters' Guild	\$ 14,309.42
Boulder Symphony	\$ 21,925.40
Cantabile Singers	\$ 10,772.80
Carousel of Happiness Inc	\$ 12,147.85
Centennial State Ballet	\$ 20,470.89
CenterStage Theatre Company	\$ 22,517.97
Chamber Music Society of Boulder	\$ 15,191.55
City of Lafayette Arts & Cultural Resources	\$ 24,780.55
City of Louisville	\$ 23,541.52
Colorado Film Society	\$ 24,888.29
Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance	\$ 8,032.13
Colorado MahlerFest	\$ 15,050.14
COmpass Resonance	\$ 23,272.17
Flatirons Community Orchestra	\$ 8,038.79
Frequent Flyers Productions	\$ 22,787.33
Greater Boulder Youth Orchestras	\$ 24,672.80
Groundworks Art Lab	\$ 22,733.46

Growe Foundation dba Garden To Table	\$ 24,162.38
Growing Gardens of Boulder County	\$ 26,073.44
Historic Boulder, Inc.	\$ 20,109.93
Junkyard Social Club	\$ 24,942.16
Lafayette Historical Society	\$ 18,461.51
Lemon Sponge Cake Contemporary Ballet	\$ 9,648.25
Local Theater Company	\$ 23,272.17
Longmont Chorale	\$ 11,393.66
Longmont Concert Band	\$ 2,321.83
Longmont Symphony Society	\$ 21,085.91
Longmont Theatre Company	\$ 15,151.15
Longmont Youth Symphony	\$ 5,575.62
Louisville Art Association	\$ 2,935.96
Lyons Historical Society	\$ 4,474.64
Menorah: Arts, Culture, and Education at the Boulder JCC	\$ 18,427.16
Motus Theater	\$ 25,804.09
Muse Performance Space	\$ 21,033.84
New Local CO	\$ 21,925.40
NoBo Art District	\$ 24,403.45
Ocean First Institute	\$ 24,241.84
Open Studios	\$ 18,241.98
Rocky Mountain Chorale	\$ 2,278.73
Rocky Mountain Revels	\$ 4,201.92
Rocky Ridge Music Center Foundation	\$ 14,464.30
Seicento Baroque Ensemble	\$ 5,674.43
Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association	\$ 15,913.42
Society for Creative Aging	\$ 17,056.30
Street Wise Arts	\$ 24,888.29
T2 Dance Company	\$ 14,825.23
The Catamounts	\$ 24,780.55
The Spark	\$ 21,817.65
The Upstart Crow	\$ 5,182.54
Third Law Dance/Theater	\$ 24,565.06
Turning the Wheel Productions	\$ 6,060.46
Variety Arts of Louisville	\$ 22,302.49
WOW Children's Museum World of Wonder	\$ 26,014.19



PROJECT ALLOCATION 2026

Organization	Amount Recommended
A Child's Song	\$ 3,954.55
Artistico	\$ 3,863.64
BackStory Theatre	\$ 1,426.18
Buntport Theater Company	\$ 1,959.09
Centro Cultural Mexicano	\$ 3,192.73
Chicano Humanities and Arts Council	\$ 3,809.09
CMDance	\$ 3,930.00
Colorado Conservatory of Dance	\$ -
Colorado Fine Arts Association	\$ 3,827.27
Colorado Jazz	\$ 3,790.91
Colorado Quilting Council, Inc	\$ 3,536.36
Control Group Productions	\$ 4,109.09
David Taylor's Zikr Dance Ensemble	\$ 3,581.82
Denver Municipal Band	\$ 1,758.37
Denver Pops Orchestra	\$ -
Evergreen Chorale	\$ 3,600.00
Evergreen Jazz Festival	\$ -
Feel the Beat Corp	\$ 4,090.91
Fiesta Colorado	\$ 2,290.91
Mirror Image	\$ 4,154.55
Museo de las Americas	\$ 3,590.91
New Dance Theatre	\$ 4,163.64
Rocky Mountain Arts Association	\$ 3,981.82
Rocky Mountain Brassworks-A British Brass Band	\$ -
Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance	\$ 3,918.18
Seriesfest	\$ 3,636.36
Sphere Ensemble	\$ 3,945.45
St. Andrew Society of Colorado	\$ 3,972.73
Stories on Stage	\$ 3,918.18
Su Teatro	\$ 4,290.91
Tango Colorado	\$ 3,563.64
TEPE	\$ -
The Word, A Storytelling Sanctuary, Inc	\$ 3,918.18
Think 360 Arts for Learning	\$ 4,081.82
Tunas Mekar Inc	\$ 3,509.09
Words To Power	\$ -



SUMMARY
BOULDER COUNTY SCFD TIER III ALLOCATION

	2026	2025	2024
Boulder SCFD Tier 3 Available Funds	\$ 1,301,726	\$ 1,310,170	\$ 1,429,229
Allocation Funding GOS	\$ 1,193,180	\$ 1,229,189	\$ 1,336,391
Allocation Funding Project	\$ 107,366	\$ 80,981	\$ 92,836
Project Funding %	8.3%	6.2%	6.5%



**THANK YOU TO THE BOULDER COUNTY
CULTURAL COUNCIL, SCFD, BOULDER ARTS AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS!**

