



**Jefferson County Cultural Council (JCCC)  
2024 Annual Report  
Prepared by Iris Gregg, Chair**

Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Jefferson County Cultural Council (JCCC), we would like to start by thanking all Jefferson County Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) funded organizations that bring artistic, cultural, and scientific experiences to residents and visitors of our county. These organizations provide a diverse cultural landscape to accommodate and celebrate the unique needs to all of our community. We would like to thank you, County Commissioners, for your continued support and commitment to advancing the arts, culture, and sciences of our county. We would like to thank the staff at SCFD and Jefferson County Clerk to the Board for their support to the cultural council during this year cycle. Finally, we would like to thank our fellow council members for their time, dedication, and thoughtfulness during the 2024 grant cycle.

SCFD provides funding to arts, cultural, and scientific organizations to bring educational programs, performances, concerts, and exhibitions that enrich and benefit local residents. The tax levy collects one penny for every \$10 spent which is distributed accordingly within the District.

For the 2024 funding cycle, Jefferson County Cultural Council received 90 unique organizations' grant applications totaling \$3,553,732.17 in requests to support organizations delivering programs, performances, concerts, exhibitions, and free opportunities to residents and visitors. The total amount of funds available from the 2024 SCFD tax levy for Jefferson County is \$2,201,152.94.

Compared to 2023, this represents 10 additional grant requests, organizations requesting almost \$1.3 million more in requests overall, and with approximately \$56,000 less in funds available.

**Tier III 2024 Grant Cycle**

SCFD staff determines grant eligibility for applying arts, cultural, and scientific non-profit organizations in tier III. SCFD staff hosted training sessions and workshops for applying organizations. Additional support via online meetings and/or phone calls was provided by SCFD staff to applicants regarding the application process, as well as Jefferson County guidelines for requesting funds. Organizations can apply for either general operating support (GOS) or projects that are based in Jefferson County.

An online portal managed by SCFD staff provides access to the applications, supplemental documentation, and other materials to the JCCC for review. For the 2024 funding cycle, an SCFD unified scoring rubric by a subcommittee with members from all district counties was developed to help eliminate any bias by council members. Additionally, as in years past, a formula was developed for funding purposes. We have attached a copy of the scoring rubric and formula used by this cultural council to make funding recommendations to the County Commissioners.

In 2024, JCCC has hosted all its meetings through the online meeting platform Webex. Applying organizations were invited to attend and listen to the online "Study Sessions" where their

application was reviewed and discussed by council members. Any questions that would help aid in the understanding of the application were submitted to organizations by SCFD staff and answers were shared with the cultural council. Minutes were kept of the council's deliberations and recommendations.

On May 15, 2024, JCCC hosted the funding allocation meeting. At the meeting JCCC approved the funding plan to be presented to the county commissioners awarding approximately 83% for GOS and 17% for projects. Attached find the final JCCC funding plan recommendation.

**Other Items**

Applications will be sought to fill the one vacancy based in District 3 on the cultural council.

Respectfully,

Iris Gregg, Chair  
Richard Chamberlain, Co-Chair



# Unified Scoring Rubric

## 1. Organization Mission and Objectives (10 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 (10 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.

Scoring	9-10: Excellent	7-8: Strong	5-6: Average	3-4: Fair	1-2: Weak	0: Not Addressed
Description	<p><b>Excellent/Outstanding:</b> Applicant provides outstanding evidence throughout the application that all criteria are met, i.e., the plans are fully detailed and appropriate, the budget is realistic, comprehensive and carefully aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are exceptional, highly relevant and lead to a deep understanding of the organization and its work.</p>	<p><b>Above Average:</b> Applicant provides thorough evidence throughout the application that the criteria are met, i.e., the plans are well-articulated and appropriate, the budget is realistic, comprehensive and carefully aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are strong, relevant and lead to an understanding of the organization and its work.</p>	<p><b>Average:</b> Applicant provides sufficient-evidence throughout the application that the criteria are met, i.e., the plans are articulated and appropriate, the budget is realistic and aligned with the narrative and/or the support materials are of acceptable and relevant.</p>	<p><b>Below Average:</b> Applicant provides limited evidence throughout the application that the criteria are met, i.e., the programs and budget are appropriate but with limited detail, and are not well-aligned with the narrative, and/or the support materials are limited and/or uneven.</p>	<p><b>Minimum:</b> Applicant provides very little evidence throughout the application that the criteria are met, i.e., the programs and budget are appropriate but with limited detail, and are not well-aligned with the narrative, and/or the support materials are insufficient.</p>	<p><b>Non-conforming:</b> The applicant did not provide the information or does not qualify under SCFD guidelines.</p>



## SCFD 2024 Tier III Funding Plan - Jefferson County

<i>From District Office</i>	
<b>2024 Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,152.92</b>
<b>Uncommitted/Return Funds from Previous Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Available from District Office</b>	

Organization	General Operating Support	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
40 West Arts	General Operating Support	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 52,606.43
Arvada Chorale Company	General Operating Support	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,798.20
Center for the Arts Evergreen	General Operating Support	\$ 219,150.00	\$ 131,926.93
Chicano Humanities and Arts Council	General Operating Support	\$ 38,145.00	\$ 25,148.32
Colorado Environmental Film Festival	General Operating Support	\$ 16,731.00	\$ 11,393.88
Colorado Folk Arts Council	General Operating Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,276.72
Colorado Quilting Council, Inc	General Operating Support	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 13,498.69
Conifer's StageDoor Theatre	General Operating Support	\$ 76,526.00	\$ 47,733.89
Denver Audubon	General Operating Support	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 29,452.94
Denver Junior Police Band	General Operating Support	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,975.90
Denver MountainAires	General Operating Support	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 1,500.33
Denver Museum of Miniature Dolls and Toys	General Operating Support	\$ 47,543.55	\$ 31,345.04
Denver Pops Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,065.92
Empire Lyric Players	General Operating Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,128.67
Evergreen Chamber Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 16,761.59
Evergreen Children's Chorale	General Operating Support	\$ 23,009.00	\$ 14,129.68
Evergreen Chorale	General Operating Support	\$ 121,000.00	\$ 39,729.23
Feel the Beat Corp	General Operating Support	\$ 78,629.00	\$ 51,684.19
Filipino-American Community Colorado	General Operating Support	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,939.45
Foothills Art Center	General Operating Support	\$ 217,000.00	\$ 136,090.32

Foothills Park & Recreation District	General Operating Support	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 36,912.41
Friends of Dinosaur Ridge	General Operating Support	\$ 425,698.00	\$ 283,179.80
Golden Chamber Choir	General Operating Support	\$ 3,081.00	\$ 1,642.05
Golden History Museum & Park	General Operating Support	\$ 204,069.00	\$ 130,512.71
Jefferson Symphony Association	General Operating Support	\$ 39,375.00	\$ 24,405.10
Lakewood Arts Council	General Operating Support	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 12,451.52
Lakewood Symphony Orchestra	General Operating Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,085.57
Majestic View Nature Center	General Operating Support	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 51,525.38
Mirror Image	General Operating Support	\$ 188,000.00	\$ 116,524.77
Morrison Theater Company	General Operating Support	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 221,770.53
New Voices of Colorado	General Operating Support	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,375.41
Performance Now Theatre Company	General Operating Support	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 60,260.00
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum	General Operating Support	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 57,006.97
Rocky Mountain Youth Musicals	General Operating Support	\$ 14,411.00	\$ 6,709.78
Tesoro Foundation	General Operating Support	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 43,752.06
The E Project	General Operating Support	\$ 20,383.45	\$ 12,039.75
The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society	General Operating Support	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 26,718.28
The Lutheran Chorale	General Operating Support	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,425.76
The Venue Theatre	General Operating Support	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 28,737.00
Town of Morrison	General Operating Support	\$ 82,103.00	\$ 55,750.43
		<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Access Gallery	Labor of Love Exhibit	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,069.45
Apex Arts and Humanities Agency	Humanities Enhancement Series	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 5,146.02
Augustana Arts	Stratus Chamber Orchestra with Cherry Creek Chorale	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 886.25
Ballet Ariel	Ballet Ariel Season at the Lakewood Cultural Center	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,859.76
Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado	Fanfares and Flourishes!	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 4,029.57
Boulder Ballet	Educational Outreach	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 2,096.21

Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art	Exhibitions and Complementary Programming at Jefferson County Libraries & Schools	\$ 30,365.00	\$ 21,098.26
Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra	Boulder Phil School Partnership Program	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 848.99
Centro Cultural Mexicano	Latin Beats: Sonidos de las America en las Escuelas	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,262.08
CMDance	School Dance and Music Programs and Community Outreach	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 3,873.34
Colorado Conservatory of Dance	CCD Community Education & Engagement in Jefferson County 2024-2025	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,529.59
Colorado Fine Arts Association	Eastern Classical Music Program	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,099.06
Colorado Jazz	Jazz programming at Arvada Center and Lakewood Cultural Center	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,593.64
Colorado Wind Ensemble	Concert at D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 1,554.55
Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestras	Mile High Outreach Music Program	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,808.48
Control Group Productions	neverhome	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 9,853.84
David Taylor's Zikr Dance Ensemble	Liturgies	\$ 19,203.00	\$ 11,371.59
Denver Municipal Band	Genesee Park Project	\$ 750.00	\$ 503.35
Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists	Faythe Freese Organ Concert & Workshop	\$ 1,027.50	\$ 679.16
Denver Urban Gardens	Dig Deeper in Jefferson County	\$ 63,279.00	\$ 42,718.55
Denver Young Artists Orchestra Association	Concert & Outreach in Jefferson County	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,936.42
Evergreen Jazz Festival	Evergreen Jazz Festival Events	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 23,006.10
Fiesta Colorado	Es Una Fiesta... Colorado! Celebrate Jeffco!	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,755.60
HawkQuest	Birds of Prey Lectures	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,817.96
Historic Denver/Molly Brown House Museum	"Unsinkable" Education Programs	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 5,821.70
Inside the Orchestra	Tiny Tots Orchestra Concerts, Chamber Concerts and School Programs	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,285.35
Kim Robards Dance	Works In The Works	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 7,377.55
Latino Cultural Arts Center	Ofrendas	\$ 10,031.00	\$ 6,930.16
Life/Art Dance Ensemble	Cultural Experiences for Older Adults: Jefferson County	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 752.18

Mountain Chamber Music Society	AIC Story Time Concerts	\$ 550.00	\$ 339.82
Mudra Dance Studio	ADYANANTA... "neither beginning nor end"	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 35,219.77
Museo de las Americas	Exhibits & Education Programs	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 15,025.52
National Honor Band Association	Music Instruction Benefitting Jefferson County Residents	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,069.06
New Dance Theatre	Arts-in-Education	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 18,813.48
Ocean First Institute	Plastic Pollution Monitoring and Solutions Project	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,513.95
PlatteForum	ArtLab: A Comprehensive and Creative Youth Development Program - Jeffco	\$ 2,664.00	\$ 1,814.20
Pop Culture Classroom	Arvada High Colorful History Comic	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 5,318.74
Rocky Mountain Arts Association	Leather and Lace	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,858.24
Rocky Mountain Brassworks-A British Brass Band	Veterans Day Concert	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 611.98
Seicento Baroque Ensemble	Go for Baroque – Famous Composers who Died Poor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,641.18
Seriesfest	Mobile Cinema Lab	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 989.92
Skyline Chapter, Sweet Adelines International	2024 Free Friends & Family Show	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 1,326.38
Sprout City Farms	Mountair Park Community Farm Educational Programming	\$ 90,866.67	\$ 53,908.17
St. Martin's Chamber Choir	SMCC Concerts & Student Choral Workshops	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,587.40
Su Teatro	Corridos y Cuentos	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 4,317.96
Tango Colorado	Golden Summer Tango Fest	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 796.98
The Art Garage	The Art Garage at Coal Creek Canyon	\$ 10,031.00	\$ 1,772.70
The Denver Brass	Gateway to Brass	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 8,358.39
Think 360 Arts for Learning	Arts for All: Schools, Communities, and Beyond	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,253.40
Westminster Community Artist Series	Community Cultural Celebrations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,079.32

	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
General Operating Support	\$ 2,939,757.00	\$ 1,820,971.60



Project	\$ 613,975.17	\$ 380,181.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,553,732.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,152.92</b>