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## **Arapahoe County awards over \$1.1 million to cultural and scientific programs**

*More than 75 local organizations to benefit from a share of funds*

**Littleton, Colo.** The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners has awarded more than \$1.1 million of Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Tier III funds to benefit 79 local art, cultural, scientific and historical organizations.

The \$1,146,287 total allocations, proposed by the Arapahoe County Cultural Committee, represent 0.1 percent (1 cent for every \$10) sales tax collected from Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties.

2006 SCFD fund recipients include, but are not limited to, ArtReach, Denver Young Artists Orchestra, Colorado Chorale, Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, Arapahoe Philharmonic, Mudra Dance Studio, Bluff Lake Nature Center, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA), Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra, Denver Urban Gardens and Friends of Dinosaur Ridge.

“Downtown Aurora Visual Arts supports Arapahoe County’s cultural community by keeping young people engaged in developing their imagination and character,” said Betsy Jansen, President of the DAVA Board of Directors. “This funding will help support our programs which encourage youth to find and explore the power of art through our Oasis Open Studio (available free to children after school), Portable Art School, Family Arts, two art-based Job Training programs in the visual and computer arts, and the DAVA gallery.”

The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board includes representatives from each of the seven counties within the district and four Governor’s appointees. The Board sets and reviews the District’s policies and budget, oversees the Tier I and II funding applications and reports and reviews and approves the Tier III County funding plans.

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