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## **Arapahoe County awards \$1 million to cultural and scientific programs**

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

**Littleton, Colo.** The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners has awarded more than \$1 million of Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Tier III funds to benefit 84 local art, cultural, scientific and historical organizations.

The \$1,033,640 total allocations, proposed by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board, represent 1 percent of sales tax collected from Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties.

2005 SCFD fund recipients include, but are not limited to, ArtReach, Denver Young Artists Orchestra, Hannah Kahn Dance Company, Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, The Denver Brass, Colorado Honor Band Association, Bluff Lake Nature Center, Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, Denver Urban Gardens, HawkQuest, and Friends of Dinosaur Ridge.

“On behalf of the 80,000 citizens who receive opportunities from ArtReach, I say thank you—this contribution has made a difference in many lives,” said Jil Rosentrater, Executive Director of ArtReach. Last year, ArtReach distributed more than 65,000 tickets to arts, historic and community events, valued at more than \$1.5 million, and provided 1,147 children, youth, adults and senior citizens with free transportation to 74 events.

“We’re so fortunate that we can make arts and cultural opportunities available and give this gift to at-risk and underserved people in our community to make their lives a little richer,” added Rosentrater.

The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board includes representatives from each of the seven counties within the district and three 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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