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## **Arapahoe County awards \$1.1 million to cultural, scientific programs** *More than 88 local organizations to benefit from a share of funds*

**Littleton, Colo.** The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners awarded Tuesday more than \$1.1 million of Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Tier III funds to benefit 88 local art, cultural, scientific and historical organizations. The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board is expected to affirm the award in the near future.

The \$1,107,925 total allocation, proposed by the Arapahoe County Cultural Council, represents 0.1 percent (one cent for every \$10) sales tax collected from Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties.

"I love that citizens understand the importance of supporting the arts," said Commissioner Pat Noonan. "This money will help various organizations provide Arapahoe County residents with the gift of scientific and cultural experiences."

SCFD fund recipients for 2007 include, but are not limited to, ArtReach, Aurora Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Energy Science Center, Kim Robards Dance, Littleton Town Hall Arts Center, Arapahoe Philharmonic, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts, Young Voices of Colorado, Denver Brass and Creative Expressions.

"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."

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