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Media Advisory

Arapahoe County to distribute SCFD funds at Oct. 20 check ceremony *Cultural Council will give out \$1.15 million to 80 local cultural organizations*

Littleton, Colo. – On Oct. 20, the Arapahoe County Cultural Council will hold its annual check ceremony to distribute 2012 funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District to 80 local arts, historical, science and cultural organizations.

County Commissioner Susan Beckman and SCFD Board Chairman James Harrington will join the Cultural Council, comprised of 13 citizen volunteers, to distribute SCFD grants totaling nearly \$1.15 million. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the East Hearing Room of the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

Arapahoe County is one of seven metro-area counties where voters approved a 0.1 percent retail sales and use tax (1 cent on every \$10) in 1988 to create and fund the SCFD. Annual revenues from the tax are allocated to counties based on their share of retail sales. Of the \$5.5 million distributed by SCFD this year, Arapahoe County received the second-highest share behind Denver County, which received \$1.55 million.

Arapahoe County's Cultural Council spent several months reviewing applications from community organizations and forming its recommendations for SCFD grants. Its funding plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and SCFD Board.

Among the 80 organizations that will receive checks at the ceremony are the Arapahoe Philharmonic, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts, Littleton Town Hall Arts Center, Littleton Symphony, Museum of Outdoor Arts, Plains Conservation Center and Young Voices of Colorado.

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