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**Arapahoe County awards \$1.1 million to cultural, scientific programs**  
*More than 81 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 81 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 \$1,184,026 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 2008 include, but are not limited to, ArtReach, Arapahoe Philharmonic, Colorado Humanities, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts, Greenwood Village Arts & Humanities Council, Mudra Dance Studio, Plains Conservation Center, Shadow Theatre Company and Young Voices of Colorado.

"The Shadow Theatre Company has a reputation for creating thought-provoking and entertaining drama that challenges the minds and embraces the hearts of the community," said PJ D'Amico, Director of Operations for the Denver Theatre Company. "This funding will help us grow an arts incubator in Aurora."

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