

National Endowment for the Arts Grant

Purpose of Funds: In recognition that the nonprofit arts industry is an important sector of the economy, the NEA received funds to help preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector that are threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. The funds will be used for special, one-time sub granting to eligible nonprofit organizations to preserve jobs in the arts through salary support, full or partial, for one or more positions that are critical to an organization's artistic mission and that are in jeopardy or have been eliminated as a result of the current economic climate or fees for previously engaged artists and/or contractual personnel to maintain or expand the period during which such persons would be engaged.

Receiving Department: Denver Office of Cultural Affairs

Amount: \$250,000

Type of Grant: Competitive

Estimated jobs Created or Retained: 12-20 jobs retained

Public Process: The application was submitted by DOCA with the support of over 50 Denver nonprofit cultural entities that submitted Letters of Intent to DOCA.

Proposed Spending: DOCA will retain \$25,000 of the \$250,000 for administrative and support functions. The balance of \$225,000 will be sub granted. Recipients for sub grants will be Denver nonprofit cultural entities that are currently eligible for Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) funding, indicating that their mission, financials and program impact have been vetted through the SCFD and Denver County Cultural Council established by the Denver City Council. Applications for support will be determined by a competitive review conducted by a panel comprised of members of the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs, Denver County Cultural Council and community representatives.

DOCA will coordinate with Colorado Council on the Arts and Western States Arts Federation, who have also received NEA funds for sub granting, to maximize the impact of stimulus support in Denver and to ensure that each sub grantee receive funds from only one source (a condition of the NEA funding).

For more information, please see the oversight committee docs at
<http://www.denvergov.org/stimulus>