



**Adams County Cultural Council
Funding Allocation Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Virtual**

- I. **Call meeting to order** – Joyce Downing called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.
- II. **Roll call** – Zoe Ocampo
Present: Joyce Downing, Aaron Vega, Susan Beyda, Jim Towle, Larry Dunn, Carrie Hausfather
Excused Absence: Kerry Laing
Participants in Attendance: SCFD Program Officer, Dana Manyothane; Adams County Cultural Arts Manager, Zoe Ocampo
- III. **Approval of the Agenda** - Motion made to approve the agenda made by Jim Towle, seconded by Carrie Hausfather; no opposed – motion passed.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Kickoff Meeting, March 19, 2026 – Motion made to approve the minutes by Susan Beyda, seconded by Jim Towle; no opposed – motion passed.
- V. **New Business Items**
 - a. **Funding Allocation Recommendations** – Zoe Ocampo presented the funding allocation as follows:
 - I. \$2,304,750.30 2026 funds available; \$12,773.77 uncommitted funds from 2025; \$2,317,524.07 total available funds from district office
 - II. \$1,771,824.19 in project funding disbursed
 - Five (5) projects funded at 82%, “excellent”/40+
 - Fifty-six (56) projects funded at 72%, “strong”/36-39
 - Forty-seven (47) projects funded at 61.80%, “average”/31-35

- Twenty-four (24) projects funded at 51.78%, “fair”/25-30
- Seven (7) projects funded at 0.00%, “unfunded”/0-24
- III. \$110,448.72 in visual art funding disbursed
 - Three (3) projects funded at 72%, “strong”/36-39
- IV. \$435,250.75 in general operating support disbursed
 - One (1) organizations funded at 16%, “excellent”/40+
 - Eight (8) organizations funded at 14%, “strong”/36-39
 - Seven (7) organizations funded at 12%, “average”/31-35
 - Four (4) organizations funded at 10%, “fair”/25-30
 - One (1) organization funded at 0.00%, “unfunded”/0-24

Funding allocation totals \$2,317,523.66, with a \$0.41 carryover

- V. Motion to approve the funding allocation as presented made by Aaron Vega, seconded by Carrie Hausfather; no opposed – motion passed.
- VI. Staff to bring the funding recommendations to Study Session with the Board of County Commissioners on July 1, 2026; Public Hearing & Resolution to follow.

b. **Study Session Debrief & Retreat Topics Review** - Joyce Downing

- I. Council discussed the 2026 grant cycle and suggested various topics for review at the cultural council retreat on September 10.

VI. Other Business

- a. None.

VII. General SCFD Updates – Dana Manyothane

- a. **Last SCFD Board Meeting:** Thurs. May 28th, 2026, at DMNS. At this meeting, the board voted to approve the budgeted distribution for Tier I organizations; Tier I leaders presented their annual reports.
- b. **Next SCFD Board Meeting:** Thursday, July 23rd at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be virtual.
The SCFD board will vote to approve the SCFD audit.
- c. **SCFD Revenue Report:**
The March 2026 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$7,533,557.51. The 2026 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax

revenue is \$20,341,670.72. The variance is \$383,286.67, a 1.92% increase in YTD 2026 over YTD 2025.

d. Tier III: Important Dates from last month and current month.

Wednesday, June 17th: Chairs & Liaisons meeting at Bluff Lake Nature Center.

Engage, Empower, Connect & Rex Morgan Awards: Monday, September 14th at Denver Botanic Gardens, 12:00-6:00 pm. Registration will open soon.

e. Eligibility

The eligibility application is now open. SCFD will accept applications through Wednesday, September 9th. If you know of any organizations that may be interested, please refer them to the SCFD website for more information.

VIII. Adams County Updates – Zoe Ocampo

- a. Adams County summer/fall events at Riverdale Regional Park include:
 - I. Adams County Pride – was June 13 and was a success!
 - II. Stars & Stripes – July 3
 - III. Adams County Fair – July 29 – August 2
 - IV. Festival Latino – September 13
- b. Cultural Arts hired a seasonal – temporary 1-year position to help with public art program.
- c. Starting in July 2026, Adams County Cultural Arts (& Adams County Cultural Council) will move all virtual meetings from Zoom to Microsoft Teams.
- d. Cultural Arts to bring Pecos Artist Award to Study Session with BOCC on July 1.

IX. Public Comment

- a. None.

X. Adjourn – Joyce Downing adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P.M.