

## Information about the Alliance Project

*In-school professional art exhibit, workshops on the water cycle, space and aviation, matinees and master classes in the arts, professional scientists from top science centers, workshops on storytelling, poetry, periodic table of elements, geology, orienteering and dozens more! All geared to support your curriculum!*

### **THE ALLIANCE PROJECT**

*Educational outreach partnering the SCFD science and cultural organizations with teachers in creating curriculum applications and learning opportunities for students.*

Using funds from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District tax gathered from the 7 metro counties, 33 cultural and scientific organizations have established joint funding to schools. The Alliance Project, now in its 22nd year, selects one public school and one partner school in each county for a one-year residency.

- Each Alliance Team receive up to \$10,000 in services divided between the primary recipient and partner schools resulting in 20-27 individual activities)

A team of interdisciplinary teachers request outreach, workshops, and field trips that would aid in reaching standards and curriculum for a segment of the school. This is an outreach program partnering the SCFD science and cultural organizations with teachers in creating curriculum applications and learning opportunities for students. The Coordinator meets with teachers to hear requests and finds possible program matches – the teacher is not expected to find programs. The cultural and teacher schedule and define the program and Alliance Project pays.

- Team includes a cross-curricular educators who can request “standard” programs – field trips, assemblies or “unique” – created for the teacher.

The grant provides funding toward buses, subs, in-services, library support, admission costs, workshop leaders and other supplies to schools at the specific requests of teachers

**SCC Organizations:** Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Butterfly Pavilion, Central City Opera, CherryArts, Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus, City of Aurora Cultural Services Division, Clyfford Still Museum, Colorado Ballet, Colorado Chautauqua Association, Colorado Children’s Chorale, Colorado Mountain Club, Colorado Railroad Museum, Colorado Symphony, Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver Film Society, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Zoo, Lakewood Division of Heritage, Culture and the Arts, MACC –Mizel Arts and Culture Center, Mizel Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art – Denver, Opera Colorado, Swallow Hill Music, Town of Parker Cultural Department, and Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum

### What does the Alliance Project actually provide?

- The primary school who won the grant will usually receive between 15-20 activities: field trips, assemblies, in-school exhibits, workshops, classroom visits by professional artists, historians, scientists, naturalists, actors, singers, dancers, and others.
- The Partner School will have between 4-6 of their own events and be invited to suitable activities at the focus school.
- All schools receive up to \$100 for permanent library materials.
- Alliance contributes to the cost of buses and subs = up to \$175 per bus and \$120 per sub.
- Satellite Schools – generally smaller schools receive half the funding of full schools for the same type of programs

Who sponsors the grant?

Ultimately, the citizens of the 7-county metro area who provide funding through their payment of the SCFD tax that is then distributed to the SCC members who use it to do educational outreach

**The Scientific and Cultural Collaborative (SCC) is a non-profit organization** comprise of arts, culture and science who are funded by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD): a cultural tax in 7-county area providing support to over 300 non-profit groups.

What is the value of the grant for education?

Evaluations reveal that the Alliance Project has:

- Lasting value as well as immediate impact as experienced by teachers and cultural providers
- Provided profound professional development for both veteran and new teachers
- Applied connections between classroom and “real world” applications for students
- Promoted awareness of career and cultural opportunities with students and staff
- Effected stabilization and expansion of educational staff at arts, science and history organizations

Note: This is not a cash grant – the Coordinator will pay organizations directly for programs and will repay schools for buses or subs.

Programs are provided only from our members listed above.

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When defining the Alliance Project, one student aptly replied: “It’s tax dollars at work in education.”