

# TASHCO COMMUNICATION

<b>Meeting Date:</b> March 9, 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading _____	<b>Legal Review:</b> N/A	<b>Work Plan #</b>	<b>Agenda Location:</b> Business	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 6A
<b>Subject:</b> 2009 ANNUAL REPORT ON THORNTON ARTS, SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL.					
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<b>Reviewed by:</b> Mike Soderberg Executive Dir. – Community Svcs.			<b>Presented by:</b> Frank Newton TASHCO Board President		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Thornton Arts, Sciences and Humanities Council, Inc. (TASHCO) is a nonprofit (501.c.3) organization that was established in 1990, whose purpose is to promote cultural and scientific activities and events for the residents of Thornton. City Council serves as the TASHCO Voting Members of the Corporation, and staff provides support for grant preparation and program implementation.
- In 2009 TASHCO received SCFD funding in the amount of \$58,306 for the following programs:
  - Young Artists Festival
    - This was the 13th annual edition of this program involving competition open to Adams County middle school and high school students in the categories of piano, ballet, vocal, strings and visual art. As in the past, it continued the collaborations with the Paletteers Art Club and Ballet Nouveau.
  - 5th Grade Water Festival
    - This was the 6th year for this program, and the 5th year that TASHCO applied for SCFD support for this event. The Water Festival is a collaborative effort between the cities of Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster; TASHCO; and Front Range Community College. As many as 20 other community organizations will contribute staff time and resources for Water Festival presentations. The program was held at the Front Range Community College in Westminster and was open to 1,000 5th graders attending school in these cities. The festival is intended to convey to these students the importance of water in their lives and its connection with nature and society.
  - Art Exposed
    - This art program in its 3rd year gave teens the opportunity to study, side by side, with expert instructors for eight weeks. Four modules were offered: visual arts, performance arts, culinary arts and dance. Teens chose one art module and participated in an intense course for two months. The program culminates with the Art Expo, where teens will showcase their art and share their experience with family, friends and the general public. The City of Thornton will work closely with local nonprofits and schools to identify and recruit teens from diverse backgrounds to participate in the program.
  - Celebrating Cultural Diversity

- This is a month-long celebration in its 7th year and was kicked off during Harvestfest. Events were held in various City facilities and schools, and included entertainment, dance, educational sessions, an art exhibit and much more.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- For information only.

**HISTORY:**

- For 2009, TASHCO received \$58,308 in SCFD funding for four programs and General Operating Support
- For 2008, TASHCO received \$56,413 for four programs.
- For 2007, TASHCO received \$63,112 for six programs.
- For 2006, TASHCO received \$96,506 for six programs and a visual art project.
- For 2005, TASHCO received \$25,264.90 for six programs.