

Senator Rodney Ellis

Texas Senate District: 13



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2011

Alley Theatre

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$25,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$3,500**

To support a season of workshops and performances that teaches theater arts to K-12 students in the Houston metropolitan area.

American Festival for the Arts

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$10,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Art League of Houston

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Art Lies

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$3,000**

To support publishing three critical texts concerning the Texas Biennial exhibition that will be published with the intent of attracting visitors to Austin, San Antonio, and Houston to see the exhibition.

ArtBridge

Designated Funding- Texas Women for the Arts **\$15,000**

Support to provide art programs to homeless children in Houston.

Aurora Picture Show

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$3,000**

To support marketing and promotion of the family-oriented Menil Community Art Festival, which involves eleven arts organizations located adjacent to the Menil Collection, aimed at Houston residents and visitors.

Bayou City Performing Arts

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Camp Young Judea

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$600**

Artistic fee subsidy for Nitsana Lazerus to perform in Wimberley on June 17-18, 2011. She will be performing Jewish religious programs with her puppets and teaching the kids about Jewish prayers and culture. She will also be running a puppet workshop where the children will be able to make puppets for themselves.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,391**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform at the Mamie George Community Center in Richmond on January 1-March 31, 2011. They will provide the ARTbeat Senior Movement, ART Painting Classes, and Ceramics 101/ Art & Business Program on a weekly basis.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$913**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform in Richmond on June 15-August 30, 2011. Katy Artreach's "Mentoring through Art" program will be provided to 17-20 foster care children.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$924**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform in Richmond on June 15-August 30, 2011. Katy Artreach will provide ARTbeat Senior Movement, ART Painting Classes, Ceramics 101/ Art & Business Program services weekly at Mamie George Community Center.

Christa McAuliffe Middle School/Ft Bend ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$375**

Artistic fee subsidy for Ensemble Theatre to perform in Houston on February 15, 2011. McAuliffe Middle School is a Title 1 school.

Community Music Center of Houston

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,000**

To support outreach performances for Houston area senior citizens, people with disabilities, and hospitalized youth who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend regular performances.

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$16,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Da Camera of Houston

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$16,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**

To support a program that pairs aspiring professional musicians with inner-city Houston ISD elementary and middle school students for one-on-one lessons in chamber music.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,000**

To support the Young Artist Program that provides music exposure and educational programming to students with cognitive disabilities at the Monarch School in Houston.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,000**

To support the Young Artist Program, a collaborative program that involves young professional musicians who provide music education to residents of the Boys and Girls Harbor, a facility for abused, abandoned, and neglected children ages five through eight

Dance Houston

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dance of Asian America to perform in Stafford on October 9, 2010. They will perform at the Stafford Center in a festival that features a variety of Houston-based companies.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,500**

To support providing after school dance instruction four days a week for ten weeks to at-risk students in ten Houston ISD schools.

Dance of Asian America

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Discovery Green (dba)

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Carolyn Wonderland to perform in Houston on May 19, 2011.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Del Castillo to perform in Houston on May 26, 2011.

DiverseWorks

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$13,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support a writing and storytelling workshop for students at Lee and Westbury High Schools in Houston, culminating in a live performance at an inner-city park.

Dominic Walsh Dance Theater

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,000**

To support a program that teaches movement to improve behavioral functioning and communication to students of the New Day Treatment Program in Houston, a rehabilitative day treatment center that assists students with mental illness transition to public school.

Emery-Weiner School

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dominic Walsh Dance Theater to perform in Houston on October 1-7, 2010. The Emery/Weiner School and Dominic Walsh Dance Theater are collaborating to present a unique dance performance in November 2010 performed by DWDT company members and EWS students.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dominic Walsh Dance Theater to perform in Houston on March 30-April 1, 2011. Dominic Walsh Dance Theater will present a dance performance to the school. Additionally, Mr. Walsh and company members will provide master classes an

Ensemble Theatre

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$11,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Commission Initiative- National Black Theatre Festival **\$5,000**

Support to present a production of "The Waiting Room" at the National Black Theatre Festival.

FotoFest

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$15,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Foundation for Modern Music

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$7,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Fresh Arts Coalition

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support the ARTernative Festival in Sugar Land that focuses on bringing the best of Houston's alternative arts to Fort Bend County, to be presented alongside local arts organizations.

Glassell School of Art/MFAH

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$14,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Grace Song

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,000**

To support Marie, a concert of classical and contemporary art music for audiences in Houston and the surrounding area.

Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Hope Stone

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$9,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Arts Alliance

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$17,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.



Arts Create Subgrant - Year 2 **\$40,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in subgranting for arts activities conducted by organizations within the community served by the subgrantee.

Houston Ballet Foundation

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$23,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$2,000**

To support a series of workshops and residencies for professional ballet dancers and educators in underserved Houston ISD K-12 classes.

Houston Boychoir

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,000**

To support expanding the choir to include a second campus, and boys in 9th grade and beyond, serving many young men who attend Houston area Title 1 schools.



Indicates a block grant that will be matched and distributed in the community by grant recipient.

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$16,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,000**

To support a marketing initiative for an exhibit of glass beads and textiles by Jenine Bressner aimed at bringing people under 35 years old to the Houston museum with a variety of opportunities related to the exhibition.

Houston Center for Photography

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$14,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,000**

To support the Picture This outreach residency project with the Texas Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital at M.D. Anderson Cancer Clinic, for the benefit of patients and their families.

Houston Chamber Choir

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$11,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Early Music

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$7,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Friends of Music

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Grand Opera Association

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$23,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,500**

To support Summer Daze, a free project in collaboration with Bo's Place, a bereavement center for Houston youth ages 3-18, using storytelling, music, and dance to enhance self-expression and assistance in the grief process.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$2,000**

To support a series of summer opera camps for students in grades 3-12 in Houston.

Commission Initiative -Target Foundation **\$8,300**

Support for TCA Touring Roster artist Houston Grand Opera's Opera to Go! to provide ten performances in Laredo elementary schools, November 15-17, 2010.

Houston International Dance Coalition

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$15,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,000**

To support the Choreographers' Forum and A Touring Taste of Dance Salad Festival, that will build awareness and audiences of visitors and local residents for the annual dance festival.

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**

To support a series of free international dance performances for Houston area high school students.

Houston Masterworks Chorus

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$7,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Metropolitan Dance Company

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Museum District

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support Museum District Days, a free admission opportunity at seventeen Houston venues with a goal of attracting both residents and visitors for exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**

To support a conference for Houston educators so that they may learn about the museums in the area and what they have to offer.

Houston Playback Theatre

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$2,400**

To support conducting an after school playback theatre program about bullying, including a writing component, for middle school students in Houston.

Houston Symphony

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$23,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Inprint

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$14,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Italian Cultural and Community Center

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$625**

Artistic fee subsidy for Carranza Puppets to perform in Houston on October 15-17, 2010.

Lawndale Art Center

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$10,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Main Street Theater

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$10,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**

To support theater arts residencies and performances for Title 1 elementary and middle schools in the underserved Gulfton/Sharpstown area of Houston.

Mercury Baroque Ensemble

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$20,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$24,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,500**

To support Latin Wave: New Films from Latin America, a four-day festival featuring cinema from leading and emerging talents of contemporary Latin American filmmakers for residents and visitors to Houston.

Arts Respond Education **\$3,500**

To support the creation of the MFAH Teaching with Art web site that will provide education resources for teachers and students throughout Texas.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,000**

To support comprehensive Art for the Mind and Spirit programs for children and families at Texas Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston.

Musiqqa

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$15,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$2,500**

To support in-school singing lessons to underprivileged K-12th grade students in Houston ISD.

Obmons Educational Stage Plays

Arts Respond Education **\$2,000**

To support a theatre and visual arts initiative, including classes and performances, for the students of Betsy Ross Elementary School, an inner-city school in Houston.

Opera Vista

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,000**

To support the Vista Competition and Opera Vista Festival where excerpts from new operas are staged and judged "American Idol"-style, and the previous year's winner is given a full performance aimed at opera lovers from Houston and visitors to the city.

Project Row House

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$1,000**

To support a partnership of artists, gardeners, and "green enthusiasts" to create an organic sustainable teaching garden in Houston's Third Ward.

Revels of Houston

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$6,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Rice Design Alliance/Rice University

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Ridgemont Elementary/Fort Bend ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$438**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Carranza Puppets to perform in Houston on May 13, 2011. Ridgemont Elementary is a Title 1 school.

Russian Cultural Center-Our Texas

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support the KSP Festival of Russian traditional songs and music staged at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation in Livingston to attract local audiences as well as visitors.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,800**

Artistic fee subsidy for Flying Balalaika Brothers to perform in Houston on March 6, 2011.

Society for the Performing Arts

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$20,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$3,996**

Artistic fee subsidy for Intergalactic Nemesis to perform in Houston on May 12, 2011.

Southwest Alternate Media Project

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$6,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,875**

To support a 7-week digital filmmaking class for underserved, primarily Hispanic middle school students in inner city Houston.

Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$7,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education

Commission Initiative- Arts Education Days **\$4,000**

Support to conduct Arts Education Days at the Capitol, March 7-8, 2011, in Austin.

The Rise School

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$810**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform in Houston on June 15-June 31, 2011. This project will use a teaching artist to create an original work of art with preschool students who have special needs.

Theatre Under the Stars

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$20,000**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,500**

To support six free performances of the musical "Urban Cowboy," based on the 1980's film made in the Houston area regarding a real cowboy coming to the city looking for work and learning lessons of life, promising to attract a diverse audience locally and

Arts Respond Education **\$2,000**

To support a series of free theater classes, private acting and singing lessons, and hands-on direction from theater professionals in underserved Houston schools, culminating in a student performance.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$8,500**

To support a collaborative program with the River Performing and Visual Arts Center that gives children with disabilities the opportunity to experience the physical and developmental benefits of musical theatre, through classes, camps, and workshops.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,500**

To support providing after school musical theatre instruction to some of Houston's most underserved children through the YMCA.

UH/Arte Publico Press

Arts Respond Education **\$3,500**

To support author-led reading workshops at 10 elementary schools in the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,000**

To support the printing and distribution of 30,000 free bilingual children's books designed to prevent childhood obesity and diabetes among low-income Hispanic children in Houston, San Antonio, and South Texas.

UH/Texas Music Festival

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$14,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,365**

Artistic fee subsidy for Van Cliburn Foundation finalist Di Wu to perform in Houston on February 4-6, 2011, as the Discovery Artist at the University of Houston Moores School of Music's International Piano Festival.

University of Houston/ Blaffer Gallery

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$8,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support a program that offers artist-led workshops, in various media, to underserved Houston ISD high school students.

University of Houston/KUHF

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$12,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Vietnamese Culture & Science Assoc.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$5,850**

Artistic fee subsidy for Ballet Austin to perform in Houston on April 23, 2011. Ballet Austin and Thang Dao's production, "Quiet Imprint" bridges a western performing art with Vietnamese music. It also aims to cultivate and encourage cross-cultural dialogue for communities.

Voices Breaking Boundaries

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$11,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support an exhibition that focuses on the history and contributions of Houston's First Ward for local audiences and visitors.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,000**

To support the Writing for Self-Discovery and Building Resiliency for Teachers and Students Workshop, led by licensed arts counselors and artists, to address the health and well-being of all involved in the Houston public school system.

Writers In The Schools

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$20,500**

To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$4,000**

To support a program that teaches students in Houston area Title 1 schools to use creative writing to tell stories about experiences inspired by visits to cultural venues across the city.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,000**

To support a writing residency with children at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Children's Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital to teach creative writing classes to children being treated for cancer in the Houston area.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**

To support expending the Environmental Writing Project into Lockhart Elementary School, an inner-city Title 1 school in Houston.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,000**

To support providing continuing creative writing workshops for youth at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department.

Number of Awards: 116

Award Total: \$888,862
