

Senator Rodney Ellis

Texas Senate District: 13



Texas
Commission
on the Arts

Investing in a Creative Texas

Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2012

Alley Theatre

Arts Create **\$11,157**

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

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

To support a series of performances and classes that encourage participation in theatre at all levels by exposing Houston area K-12 students to the many aspects that go into creating and producing a play.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,750**

To support 1.5 hour weekly theater classes after school for Houston area youth.

Art League of Houston

Arts Create **\$3,793**

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

ArtBridge

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$750**

To support the Art for the Heart program, providing weekly art therapy sessions for youth in the Harris County Juvenile Justice Center and the residential treatment unit within this lockdown facility.

Aurora Picture Show

Arts Create **\$4,240**

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

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

To support the Menil Community Arts Festival, a one-day event representing a collaboration between eleven arts organizations located in and around Houston's "Menil Campus."

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

To support a ten-week program that teaches medial literacy and digital filmmaking to approximately 100 Houston middle school children by helping them translate their stories into stop-motion animation.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$750**

To support four two-hour animation workshops at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Bayou City Performing Arts

Arts Create **\$3,347**

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

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$750**

To support the World AIDS Day Houston Youth Community Choir, a chorus open to all youth (ages 13-20) that rehearses weekly throughout the year in preparation for a public performance at the Houston World AIDS Day Observance.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$622**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform in Richmond on January 5-March 14, 2012. Art programming for foster care children at Rio Bend Foster Care Community is provided through free classes held weekly. The program is designed to engage children in creative arts so that they may increase their emotional and mental well-being while improving their social skills.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$622**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform in Richmond on January 5-March 14, 2012. Art programming for seniors at Mamie George Community Center is provided through free weekly classes. The program is designed to engage seniors in expressive and creative arts so that they may increase their emotional and mental well-being while maintaining their fine motor skills.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,817**

Artistic fee subsidy for Katy Artreach to perform in Richmond on March 15-August 31, 2012. They will provide free art programming for seniors at Mamie George Community Center and foster care children at Rio Bend community through weekly classes and/or back to back "summer-camps" sessions at Rio Bend. The programs are designed to engage participants in creative art to increase emotional and mental well-being.

Children's Museum of Houston

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

To support Spotlight Performances, which bring local artists to the Museum to present shows for a young and diverse audience during our peak attendance times, including Saturdays and weekly Free Family Nights. For these free shows, the Museum chooses performers who represent a broad range of cultures and art forms (theater, music, dance storytelling, and puppeteering) and whose performances are family-friendly. This activity is funded by Texas Women for the Arts.

Community Artists' Collective

Arts Create **\$2,901**

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

Conrad O Johnson Music and Fine Arts Foundation

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$750**

To support a Youth Orchestra and jazz workshops for at-risk youth in the underserved northeast Houston area.

Contemporary Art Museum Houston

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

To support the Teen Council program, which is focused on Houston teen audiences and artists, giving youth a space outside their schools and within their community to explore the arts, gain valuable experiences and have their talents and efforts celebrated by their community through immersive and interactive programming. This activity is funded by Texas Women for the Arts.

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

Arts Create **\$7,364**

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

Da Camera of Houston

Arts Create **\$5,579**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$1,000**

To support a program that brings university music students into Houston metropolitan area schools to lead interactive workshops and chamber music performances.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,500**

To support a month-long residency providing educational music programming for Monarch School students who have neurological differences, in Houston.

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

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 5-18.

Dance Houston

Arts Create **\$3,793**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,500**

To support Totally Fit, a free dance instruction and nutrition program meant to combat childhood obesity and targeted at economically disadvantaged children ages 8-17 whose families receive Medicaid, in Houston.

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

To support after school dance instruction for 450 students in ten economically disadvantaged Houston ISD schools.

Dance of Asian America

Arts Create **\$5,132**

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

Dance Source Houston

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$350**

Artistic fee subsidy for Houston Metropolitan Dance Company to perform in Houston on September 23-24, 2011 for the Weekend of Texas Contemporary Dance.

DiverseWorks

Arts Create **\$6,918**

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

Dominic Walsh Dance Theater

Arts Create **\$6,918**

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

Emery-Weiner School

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$822**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dominic Walsh Dance Theater to provide dance master classes and Q & A sessions for performing arts high school students, and perform in Houston on September 1-October 31, 2011.

Ensemble Theatre

Arts Create **\$6,025**

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

Fort Bend Theater

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

To support hiring sign language interpreters for public performances of the musical, "The Fantasticks".

FotoFest

Arts Create **\$5,132**

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

Foundation for Modern Music

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,500**

To support Salsa y Salud, a salsa dance event put on in partnership with health care organizations to promote physical fitness and health in Houston.

Glassell School of Art/MFAH

Arts Create **\$5,132**

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

Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art

Arts Create **\$3,793**

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

Hope Stone

Arts Create	\$4,240
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$1,500
<i>To support a summer arts camp for Houston area at-risk youth.</i>	
Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$2,000
<i>To support free dance and dance-related classes to at-risk youth, ages 11-17, in the Houston metropolitan area.</i>	

Houston Arts Alliance

Arts Create	\$5,132
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
 Arts Create Subgranting	\$17,852
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in subgranting for arts activities conducted by organizations within the community served by the subgranter.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$2,250
<i>To support the second phase of Writing and C/ Siting Houston, a collaboration between several Houston based organizations to produce portraits from poets, playwrights, writers, folklorists, historians, journalists and critics that focus on cultural, economic and environmental dynamics of the Gulf Coast.</i>	
Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture	\$1,500
<i>To support the Folklife and Traditional Arts Program's Working the Port project, which emphasizes the role that natural resources such as water and oil have played, in Houston.</i>	

Houston Ballet Foundation

Arts Create	\$9,372
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Education	\$2,228
<i>To support providing TEKS-aligned dance instruction in Houston area schools.</i>	

Houston Boychoir

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$1,000
<i>To support expanding the choir to include at-risk older boys (high school) who want the music education and sense of belonging that the choir can provide.</i>	

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Arts Create	\$7,364
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	

Houston Center for Photography

Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	

Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$3,500
<i>To support Picture This!, an educational outreach program for children with critical forms of cancer and blood disorders at two children's hospitals in Houston.</i>	
Houston Chamber Choir	
Arts Create	\$3,347
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Education	\$750
<i>To support providing four unique choral workshops to address the musicianship, leadership, and choral conducting needs of Houston middle and high school choir directors.</i>	
Houston Children's Chorus	
Arts Create	\$3,347
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Cinema Arts Society	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Early Music	
Arts Create	\$3,347
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Friends of Music	
Arts Create	\$5,132
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Grand Opera Association	
Arts Create	\$10,265
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$1,250
<i>To support art camps and bilingual storytelling workshops for Houston area women and children.</i>	
Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$750
<i>To support a series of summer Opera camps for at-risk students in grades 3-12 in Houston.</i>	
Commission Initiative – Target Foundation	\$4,166
<i>Support for TCA Touring Roster artist Houston Grand Opera's Opera to Go! to provide eight performances for elementary school students in Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Galveston, November 14-16, 2011.</i>	
Houston International Dance Coalition	
Arts Create	\$5,579
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	

Arts Respond Education	\$750
<i>To support providing dance education opportunities to elementary and high school students in Houston.</i>	
Houston Metropolitan Dance Company	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Playback Theatre	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$1,000
<i>To support playback theatre presentations for couples going through the AVANCE Hispanic Healthy Marriage program in Houston.</i>	
Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$750
<i>To support conducting an after school playback theatre program about bullying, including a writing component, for middle school students in Houston.</i>	
Houston Symphony	
Arts Create	\$9,372
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Inprint	
Arts Create	\$6,918
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Interactive Theater Company	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Laurel Thornburg	
Commission Initiative – Young Masters	\$2,500
<i>To support the costs of advanced arts training and other expenses for this Texas Young Master (first year of two).</i>	
Lawndale Art Center	
Arts Create	\$4,240
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Main Street Theater	
Arts Create	\$5,132
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Mercury Baroque Ensemble	
Arts Create	\$5,132
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	

Arts Respond Education **\$508**

To support Music + Motion, which provides students at Houston's Wharton Elementary with music and movement instruction.

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

Arts Create **\$7,364**

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

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

To support marketing and production costs associated with presenting a free performance of Chi of Shaolin: The Tale of the Dragon, a collaboration of the world famous Chinese Acrobat producer Yan Yan Zhao and artistic director Guy Caron for Houston residents and visitors.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Arts Create **\$10,265**

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

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

To support the provision of nine Teacher Workshops over the next year, which help educators make meaningful classroom connections with works of art, in Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,250**

To support Looking Together, a free monthly gallery program expanding to include some artmaking opportunities for people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and their family members or care partners.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$2,250**

To support Picture Books: Summer Art Camps, a participatory program that pairs literature and visual art offered at eight underserved Harris County Public Library branches.

Musiqqa

Arts Create **\$5,579**

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

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

To support yearlong music residencies at four Houston public schools plus two school productions reaching a wider range of students.

Obmons Educational Stage Plays

Arts Respond Education **\$750**

To support providing visual arts and/or theatre arts classes to students at Title 1 elementary schools in Houston.

Opera Vista

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

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.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$750
<i>To support a production of Powder Her Face, and a related symposium on neuroscience, in Houston.</i>	
Project Row House	
Arts Create	\$6,918
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Reagan Lukefahr	
Commission Initiative – Young Masters	\$2,500
<i>To support the costs of advanced arts training and other expenses for this Texas Young Master (first year of two).</i>	
Rice Design Alliance/Rice University	
Arts Create	\$5,132
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Ridgmont Elementary/Fort Bend ISD	
Arts Respond Performance Support	\$297
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Carranza Puppets to perform in Houston on May 11, 2012. Ridgmont Elementary School is a Title 1 school.</i>	
River Oaks Chamber Orchestra	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Russian Cultural Center-Our Texas	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$1,500
<i>To support a traditional Russian song festival that will attract attendees from Russia and across Texas to the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation in Livingston during the summer.</i>	
Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture	\$500
<i>To support the 17th traditional song festival and campout, KSP, featuring guest singers from Russia, and taking place on lands owned by the Alabama-Coushatta tribe near Lake Livingston.</i>	
Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,211
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Flying Balalaika Brothers to perform in Houston on March 25, 2012.</i>	
Ruth Lin	
Commission Initiative – Young Masters	\$2,500
<i>To support the costs of advanced arts training and other expenses for this Texas Young Master (third and final year).</i>	

Sanskriti	
Arts Create	\$2,678
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Sandra Organ Dance Company	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Society for the Performing Arts	
Arts Create	\$8,256
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Southwest Alternate Media Project	
Arts Create	\$3,793
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Stages Repertory Theatre	
Arts Create	\$5,579
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts	
Arts Create	\$4,240
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Theatre Under the Stars	
Arts Create	\$10,265
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Education	\$750
<i>To provide support for TEKS aligned musical theatre workshops for K - 12 students tailored to different academic areas.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$1,000
<i>To support a series of fine arts classes to special needs children and their siblings ages 2 to 19 in the Houston area.</i>	
Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$2,250
<i>To support providing after school musical theatre instruction to some of Houston's most underserved children through the YMCA.</i>	
UH/Arte Publico Press	
Arts Respond Education	\$2,250
<i>To support conducting TEKS-aligned author-led reading workshops at elementary schools in Brownsville, Harlingen, La Joya, McAllen, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, San Perlita, and Weslaco.</i>	

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$750**

To support the distribution of illustrated bilingual children's books that feature children as protagonists making choices about improving their health.

UH/Texas Music Festival

Arts Create **\$3,347**

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

University of Houston/ Blaffer Gallery

Arts Create **\$5,132**

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

University of Houston/KUHF

Arts Create **\$3,793**

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

Writers In The Schools

Arts Create **\$8,256**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$1,750**

To support in-school creative writing programs for at-risk students at underserved schools in Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,000**

To support writing workshops for adolescent and young adult cancer patients at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Number of Awards: 112

Award Total: \$419,786

