

Senator Rodney Ellis

Texas Senate District: 13



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2014

Alley Theatre

Arts Create **\$17,000**

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

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,000**

To support a slam poetry program conducted in collaboration with the Harris County Juvenile Probation District to teach literacy through the arts and provide a creative outlet to incarcerated teens at detention centers and probation centers across Harris County.

American Festival for the Arts

Arts Create **\$6,000**

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

Catastrophic Theatre

Arts Create **\$10,000**

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

Community Artists' Collective

Arts Create **\$4,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,000**

To support a project to help preserve the legacy of African-American quilting through workshops, art fairs, and festivals that bring visitors to Houston's Third Ward.

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

To support arts-integrated workshops for underserved K-12th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Community Music Center of Houston

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$3,500**

To support "Bach to Ellington," a concert featuring young African-American string and piano players that will attract citizens and visitors to Houston.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,000**

To support the costs of a summer camp providing classical stringed instrument instruction for economically disadvantaged youth in Houston.

Conrad O Johnson Music and Fine Arts Foundation

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,500**

To support a youth orchestra and jazz workshops for at-risk youth from underserved neighborhoods in the Houston area.

Dance of Asian America

Arts Create **\$5,000**

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

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

To support Asian folk dance performances for K-12th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Discovery Green (dba)

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,394**

Artistic fee subsidy for Del Castillo to perform on October 10, 2013 at Discovery Green, Houston's popular downtown park, as part of the Thursday Concert Series.

DiverseWorks

Arts Create **\$13,000**

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

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

To support Diverse Discourse, a visiting lecturer series that brings three renowned arts professionals to Houston to give free public talks and to conduct studio visits that will attract local citizens and visitors.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$1,500**

To support a commissioned project and exhibition by artists Heather and Ivan Morison that will explore the Houston environment from the point of view of a traveler from a more agrarian time who travels by mule.

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

To support a collaboration between artists, DiverseWorks, the community, and animal health and safety advocates that will involve the residents of Houston's East End neighborhood in the creation of a photography exhibit.

Ensemble Theatre

Arts Create **\$16,000**

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

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

To support an afterschool residency program led by a playwright who will guide Houston middle and high school students through the process of writing and producing their own plays.

Esther Liao

Commission Initiative – Young Masters FY2014 **\$2,500**

Support the costs of advanced arts training and other expenses for this Texas Young Master (first year of two).

Forge for Families

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$960**

Artistic fee subsidy for Artreach to provide 16 afterschool urban art and dance classes to children in Houston's Second and Third Wards, on September 23-November 14, 2013.

FotoFest

Arts Create **\$15,000**

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

Grace Song

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,000**

To support "Nature of Nurture," a performance featuring Daniel Belcher and Keith Weber, that will attract citizens and visitors to Houston's Hobby Center.

Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art

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

To support MenilFest, a one-day festival featuring chamber music and jazz, photography, literary arts, film, video, new media, visual arts, outsider art, and a book fair with local authors that will attract visitors from Houston and across the state.

Houston Arts Alliance

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

To support the artistic, production, and marketing costs associated with the first-ever Houston SLAB Parade & Festival that will attract Houston residents and visitors to the Third Ward event.

Houston Ballet Foundation

Arts Create **\$19,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$2,551**

To support in-school dance workshops for Houston area K-12th grade students.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,075**

To support the costs of Dance for Parkinson's and Adapted Dance, community outreach programs specifically tailored to serve people with developmental disabilities.

Houston Boychoir

Arts Create **\$10,000**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,500**

To support the project, "Ode to My Nurses," a collaboration with patients from the Texas Children's Hospital and Writers in the Schools, through which they will write and compose songs to present in concert halls, hospitals and schools in Houston.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,500**

To support after-school and weekend interactive music workshops that combine singing and African drum lessons for Houston area young men and boys, culminating in public performances.

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Arts Create **\$16,000**

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

Houston Chamber Choir

Arts Create **\$11,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$4,500**

To support weekly, in-school vocal instruction and music lessons for 3rd-5th grade students at an underserved Houston school.

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

To support a festival highlighting choirs from an elementary, a middle, and a high school, and celebrating the work of the economically disadvantaged students who participate in rehearsals, concerts, festivals, and competitions throughout the year.

Houston Children's Chorus

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,500**

To support a week-long residency that pairs the members of the Children's Chorus with local, underserved youth in Galveston for choral workshops.

Houston Civic Arts Association

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,500**

To support the costs of visual art classes for people with disabilities and the elderly at three locations in inner-city Houston.

Houston Festival Foundation

Arts Create **\$8,000**

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

Houston Friends of Music

Arts Create **\$6,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Grand Opera

Arts Create **\$14,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Commission Initiative – Target Foundation **\$4,250**
Support for TCA Touring Roster artist Houston Grand Opera’s Opera to Go! to provide eight performances for elementary school students in Galveston and Corpus Christi, September 1-December 31, 2013.

Houston Grand Opera Association

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,500**
To support the costs of free presentations of Storybook Opera for the New Baby and Parent, promoting health and literacy to expectant and new parents in underserved communities.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,500**
To support a poetry and songwriting workshop for youth in two of Houston's Title 1 schools.

Houston Metropolitan Dance Company

Arts Create **\$11,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Playback Theatre

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,500**
To support the costs of teaching improvisational theatre to adolescents receiving psychiatric care to help promote mental health and functioning.

Houston Symphony

Arts Create **\$19,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$5,000**
To support the production and distribution of an educational disc and DVD for K-12th grade teachers in Houston.

Main Street Theater

Arts Create **\$16,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Commission Initiative – Rural Tour **\$2,500**
Support to provide 8 free performances in Loving, Winkler, Ward, Crane, and Upton Counties, March 1-May 31, 2014.

Mildreds Umbrella Theater Company

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

To support artistic and production costs for a regional premiere and an original piece as well as a theatre festival aimed at Houston residents and visitors.

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

To support the addition of two productions which will focus on women's issues, with proceeds benefiting the ESCAPE Family Center in Houston.

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

Arts Create **\$17,000**

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

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

To support artistic and production costs associated with MTAB Presents, an annual series of artistically excellent and family-friendly performances at Miller Outdoor Theatre that will attract Houston residents and visitors.

Multicultural Education & Counseling Through the Arts

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$5,022**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dallas Black Dance Theatre to perform in Houston on January 28-February 1, 2014. Dallas Black Dance Theatre will conduct a 5-day residency at MECA, culminating in a performance. Residency activities include student dance and choreography workshops at area schools; a post-performance reception; and a public panel discussion on African American-Latino artistic collaborations.

Orange Show Center for Visionary Art

Arts Create **\$14,000**

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

Project Row House

Arts Create **\$13,000**

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

Rice Design Alliance/Rice University

Arts Create **\$10,000**

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

Russian Cultural Center-Our Texas

Arts Create **\$5,000**

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 20th annual traditional song festival featuring Russian-style camping along with writing and performance of songs by average people who have roots in the former Soviet Union.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$2,500**

To support the spring Club of Amateur Song, a Russian singing and camping tradition that features guest artists from Russia and Israel and takes place in a rural Texas county.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,430**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Flying Balalaika Brothers to perform at a traditional Russian Spring Celebration in Houston on March 16, 2014.

Sanskriti

Arts Create **\$9,000**

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

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

To support Dashavatar, a project using storytelling, dance, music, and theatre to relate Indian tales of mythology that will attract visitors from across the state to Houston.

Sandra Organ Dance Company

Arts Create **\$5,000**

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

Society for the Performing Arts

Arts Create **\$17,000**

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

Stages Repertory Theatre

Arts Create **\$12,000**

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Theatre Under the Stars

Arts Create **\$15,000**

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

To support two musical productions, "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and "Big," at Miller Outdoor Theatre that will attract visitors and residents and generate income for artists, technicians, and local businesses.

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

To support Lit Experiences, a school-based art education workshop intended to make musical theatre and literature more accessible to Houston area students in grades 5-12.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$8,000**

To support providing quality, customized, accessible summer camp opportunities to Houston area children living with disabilities.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,000**

To support providing free afterschool musical theatre instruction to at-risk youth through the Community Family Centers in the East End of Houston.

UH/Arte Publico Press**Arts Create** **\$6,000***To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.***Arts Respond Education** **\$4,000***To support conducting TEKS-aligned author-led reading workshops at elementary schools in the Rio Grande Valley.***UH/Cythnia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts****Arts Create** **\$8,000***To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.***Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$4,500***Artistic fee subsidy for Sebba Sarwar to conduct an artist residency in Houston on September 1, 2013-August 31, 2014. The Mitchell Center will host multidisciplinary artist Sebba Sarwar in residence to continue her work on "What is Home?" a publication and public programming series focused on definitions of home and notions of belonging. The 2013-14 season will encompass four events featuring writers and artists discussing this topic with Sarwar.***UH/Texas Music Festival****Arts Create** **\$9,000***To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.***University of Houston/ Blaffer Gallery****Arts Create** **\$14,000***To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

Number of Awards: 77**Award Total: \$490,682**