

Senator Rodney Ellis

Texas Senate District: 13

Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2015

Alief ISD/Instruction Department

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$5,058**

Artistic fee subsidy for Young Audiences of Houston's Arts for Learning artists Marsha Dorsey-Outlaw and Laura Gutierrez to provide after school dance and visual arts instruction to children at Boone, Cummings, Kennedy, and Outley elementary schools in Houston, September 1, 2014-June 4, 2015. All schools to be served are Title 1 schools.

Alley Theatre

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$17,000**

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

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

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.

Asia Society Texas Center

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,406**

Artistic fee subsidy for Houston Ballet to perform in Houston on June 27-28, 2015. Inspired by a popular Japanese folktale, "Tsuru" weaves traditional ballet and soundscape with new movement and music. "Tsuru" is a world premiere production, co-conceived

Catastrophic Theatre Inc

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$10,000**

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

Center for African American Military History

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,680**

Artistic fee subsidy for Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux to perform multiple times in Houston, December 19, 2014-March 31, 2015.

Chamber Music Houston

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

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

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,850**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Miró Quartet to perform in Houston on September 16, 2014.

Classical Theatre Company

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

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

Community Artists' Collective

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$4,000**

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

Dance of Asian America

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$5,000**

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

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

To support educational dance performances based on the culture and traditions of China for K-5th grade classrooms in the Houston metropolitan area.

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

To support 10 performances of "Chinese Cultures through Dance" at various hospitals, clinics, senior activity centers, and hospice centers.

Discovery Green (dba)

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Jones Family Singers to perform in Houston on October 9, 2014.

DiverseWorks

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$13,000**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,500**

To support Areas in Action, an accumulative exhibition of daily performances, improvisatory sculptures, and real time collaborative artworks created on-site by New York artist Oliver Herring and volunteer staff members from several social service agencies in Houston.

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

To support an afterschool residency program where the artist Pepe Mar will work with at-risk students from Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts (MECA) to create a series of live events and performances that will bring Mar's large-scale sculptures to life.

Ensemble Theatre

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$16,000**

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

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

To support an afterschool residency program led by three artists who will teach Houston inner-city middle school students acting, improv and physical movement, and then guide students through the process of writing and producing their own plays.

Esther Liao

Commission Initiative- Young Masters FY2015 **\$2,500**

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

Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,750**

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 Ballet Foundation

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$19,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$3,629**

To support a series of educational dance workshops for K-12th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,075**

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 - Year 2 **\$10,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,750**

To support a Houston concert by the renowned St. Paul's Cathedral Choir of men and boys, from London, that will attract local residents and visitors from across the state.

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

To support ongoing music and singing lessons to elementary school students in a Title 1 school in Houston's north side.

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$16,000**

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

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$2,000**

To support Dining and Discourse: a Discussion in Three Courses, which will use the dinner table to explore sustainable environmental practices, locavore and slow food movements, and craft's role in everyday life.

Houston Chamber Choir

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$11,000**

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 marketing initiative in collaboration with the Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau aimed at bringing cultural tourists and audiences to Houston to enjoy choral performances.

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

To support weekly singing and music history classes for 3rd-5th grade students in an underserved school in Houston ISD.

Houston Grand Opera Association

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$14,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$5,500**

To support the Metaphor Project, a series of workshops that teach 6th-9th grade students in Houston to tell their stories through words and music.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,300**

To support the costs of offering First Songs, a program that teaches new and expectant parents how to read and sing to their babies, in 13 library sites located in inner-city greater Houston neighborhoods with low literacy rates.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$1,250**

To support two free week-long neighborhood summer camps for teens in Houston.

Houston Metropolitan Dance

Commission Initiative - Rural Tour **\$2,500**

Support to provide at least 1 performance in Terrell County and five more in Culberson, Edwards, Hudspeth, Presidio, Val Verde, and/or Terrell counties, March 1-May 31, 2015.

Houston Metropolitan Dance Company

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$11,000**

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Houston Playback Theatre

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,400**

To support a five-day workshop and performance with students who are learning English as a second language at Language Consultants International (LCI), to help ease the adaption process of immigrants who might otherwise become isolated and disconnected.

Houston Symphony

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$19,000**

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

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

To support educational orchestra performances for Houston-area K-8th grade students.

KoumanKe'le' Dance and Drum Ensemble

Commission Initiative-Rural Tour **\$2,500**

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to provide at least 1 performance in San Jacinto County and five more in Grimes, Madison, Polk, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, and/or San Jacinto counties, June 1-August 31, 2015.

Main Street Theater

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$16,000**

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

Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux

Commission Initiative – Target Foundation **\$3,300**

Support for TCA Touring Roster artist Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux to provide six performances for elementary school students in Huntsville, September 1-December 31, 2014.

Mildreds Umbrella Theater Company

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

To support the production, artistic, and marketing costs associated with two productions by women with primarily female casts, designers, directors, and production staff.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,250**

To support the production of the play, "The Drowning Girls," which focuses on domestic abuse, and the provision of ancillary programs exploring the topic of domestic abuse with the Houston Area Women's Center.

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$17,000**

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

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

To support artistic and production costs associated with the premiere of "Metropolis!," a collaboration with Worldwide Stages and the Shenzhen Culture Department, at Miller Outdoor Theatre that will attract Houston residents and visitors.

Multicultural Education & Counseling Through the Arts

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$9,000**

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

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,250**

To support a six-week art workshop for Houston area at-risk youth.

Project Row House

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$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 - Year 2 **\$10,000**

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

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

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

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

Russian Cultural Center-Our Texas

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$5,000**

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

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

To support the 21st 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 **\$1,250**

To support a traditional Russian song festival and camp in the Alabama-Coushatta Indian reservation near Livingston featuring renowned guest artists Alexey Kudryavtsev and Elena Lebedeva.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,700**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Flying Balalaika Brothers to perform in Houston on March 22, 2015 as part of the Russian Spring Celebration.

Sanskriti

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$9,000**

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

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

To support production, artistic, and marketing costs associated with "Krisbna, Love Re-Invented," a new choreographic work by Ramli Ibrahim, Artistic Director of Sutra Dance Theatre.

Shabach Enterprise

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$750**

To support "Fade to Black," a community-based theater festival in Houston celebrating new works by African-American playwrights.

Society for the Performing Arts

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$17,000**

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

St Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Houston

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Impande Ye Africa to perform at a community festival celebrating the church's 100th anniversary in Houston on May 2, 2015.

St. Agnes Academy

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$306**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sarah Cortez to facilitate a writing workshop for students in Houston on April 1, 2015.

Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education

Commission Initiative - Arts Education Day 2015 **\$2,000**

Support to conduct Arts Education Days at the Capitol, March 4-5, 2015.

The Ensemble Theatre

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

Support for the Ensemble Theatre to represent Texas at the National Black Theatre Festival.

Theatre Under the Stars

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$15,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,750**

To support the musical production "Smokey Joe's Cafe" at Miller Outdoor Theatre that will attract visitors and residents and generate income for artists, technicians, and local businesses.

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

To support Lit Experiences, a school-based art education workshop intended to introduce Houston-area 5th-12th grade students to musical theater while also addressing social issues and enhancing learning skills.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,250**

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

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

To support providing free afterschool musical theater instruction at underserved schools in the Houston area, culminating in student performances.

UH/Arte Publico Press

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

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

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

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 - Year 2 **\$8,000**

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

UH/Texas Music Festival

Arts Create - Year 2 **\$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 - Year 2 **\$14,000**

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

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

To support Critical Wandering, an exhibition and lecture which explores the emotional, physical, and structural evidence of losing the sense of self, for persons with Alzheimer's.

Number of Awards: 76

Award Total: \$443,854