



Senator Rodney Ellis

Texas Senate District: 13

Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2016

Alley Theatre

Arts Create **\$16,500**

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

Arts Respond Project **\$2,975**

To support an international collaborative theatrical piece called "Remote Houston" with the German theater collective Rimini Protokoll as part of the CounterCurrent festival at the University of Houston, which will attract local, national, and international audiences.

Arts Respond Project **\$3,825**

To support teacher professional development tied to an arts integration curriculum for K-12th grade students in Fort Bend ISD.

Cultural District Project **\$50,000**

To market and promote the regional premiere of the Tony Award-winning Best Play "All the Way" about President Lyndon Baines Johnson which will attract visitors to the Houston Theater District (done in partnership with the Dallas Theater Center).

Apollo Chamber Players

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

To support artistic, marketing and production costs associated with presenting Texas Roots, a concert exploring how history and changing circumstances have helped to create the distinct musical history of Texas, at the Midtown Arts and Theater Center in Houston.

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

To support a series of interdisciplinary arts workshops for Houston-area middle school students.

Asia Society Texas Center

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

Bach Society Houston

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

To support marketing and artistic costs associated with presenting "Bach in the Court of Weimar" during the Houston Early Music Festival, that will attract local, state and international audiences to the city.

Arts Respond Project **\$500**

To support classical music concerts and demonstrations in Houston area elementary school classrooms.

Bayou City Concert Musicals

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

Betty Roberts Best Elementary/Alief ISD

Performance Support **\$298**

Artistic fee subsidy for Carranza Puppets to perform in Houston Texas on April 1, 2016. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served live below the poverty line.

Caribbean Chamber of Commerce

Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for the URBAN-15 to perform at the Carnival Houston Street Parade and Festival on June 11, 2016. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served live below the poverty line, are at-risk youth, and/or are adults over age 65.

Performance Support **\$600**

Artistic fee subsidy for Impande Ye Africa to perform at the Carnival Houston Street Parade and Festival on June 11, 2016. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served live below the poverty line, are at-risk youth, and/or are adults over age 65.

Catastrophic Theatre

Arts Create **\$9,500**

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

Chamber Music Houston

Arts Create **\$3,500**

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

Community Artists' Collective

Arts Create **\$3,500**

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

Dance of Asian America

Arts Create **\$13,500**

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

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

To support educational Asian dance performances for K-5th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

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

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

Discovery Green (dba)

Performance Support **\$1,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Carolyn Wonderland to perform in Houston on September 17, 2015.

Performance Support **\$1,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dale Watson to perform in Houston on September 24, 2015.

Performance Support **\$1,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Los Texmaniacs to perform in Houston on October 8, 2015.

Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Jones Family Singers to perform in Houston on September 25, 2015.

Ensemble Theatre

Arts Create **\$11,500**

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

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

To support a multidisciplinary out-of-school program at Fleming Middle School, a Title 1 school in Houston.

Cultural District Project **\$50,000**

To support new and enhanced signage for the theater so visitors to the Midtown Houston Cultural District are able to locate the building with ease in the midst of all the surrounding development in the district.

Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

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

To support the monthly Gulf Coast Reading Series, featuring established authors and held in Houston's bustling Montrose district.

Haciusa Houston African Community International

Performance Support **\$1,440**

Artistic fee subsidy for Impande Ye Africa to perform in Houston on September 5-6, 2015 as part of the Houston African Arts Festival. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served live below the poverty line, adults over age 65, and/or are at-risk yo

Houston Ballet Foundation

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| Arts Create | \$20,500 |
| <i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i> | |
| Arts Respond Project | \$2,521 |
| <i>To support dance classes for Houston area elementary school students.</i> | |
| Arts Respond Project | \$2,190 |
| <i>To support Adapted Dance, a community engagement program that provides dance education specifically designed to serve children and adults in Houston with Parkinson's Disease, Down Syndrome, and autism spectrum disorders.</i> | |
| Cultural District Project | \$20,000 |
| <i>To support the revival of Artistic Director Emeritus Ben Stevenson's magical fairytale "The Sleeping Beauty" to attract visitors to the Houston Theater District.</i> | |
| Designated Funding- Texas Women for the Arts | \$1,000 |
| <i>Support for free arts-integrated lessons in movement and music at participating elementary schools, targeting economically disadvantaged youth in Houston.</i> | |

Houston Boychoir

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| Arts Create | \$12,500 |
| <i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i> | |
| Arts Respond Project | \$3,000 |
| <i>To support in-school choral singing and music lessons for elementary school students in Houston.</i> | |
| Arts Respond Project | \$4,000 |
| <i>To support free community service concerts for patients in hospitals and seniors in nursing homes and senior facilities in the Houston area.</i> | |
| Arts Respond Project | \$3,400 |
| <i>To support a performance of African-American music targeting youth and families served by Houston Title 1 schools.</i> | |

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

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| Arts Create | \$7,500 |
| <i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i> | |

Houston Chamber Choir

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| Arts Create | \$12,500 |
| <i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i> | |
| Arts Respond Project | \$2,125 |
| <i>To support in-school choral music workshops and lessons for underserved elementary school students in urban Houston.</i> | |

Houston Grand Opera Association

Arts Create **\$17,500**

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

Arts Respond Project **\$2,975**

To support educational, interactive opera performances for Houston area K-12th grade students.

Arts Respond Project **\$6,500**

To support the Veterans Songbook, a series of storytelling workshops open to all Houston-area veterans, in which an artist and a composer meet weekly with veterans to turn select stories into songs, culminating in a performance.

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

To support the development of HGOco's new work, "The Root of the Wind Is Water," a chamber opera which explores the legacy of the Great Storm of 1900 and Hurricane Ike on Galveston and Houston.

Arts Respond Project **\$2,550**

To support three neighborhood summer camps for teens, including at-risk youth, in Houston.

Houston Metropolitan Dance Company

Arts Create **\$9,500**

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

Houston Symphony

Arts Create **\$17,500**

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

Arts Respond Project **\$4,675**

To support an arts-based curriculum, in connection with a symphony concert and multimedia production for Houston area students.

Main Street Theater

Arts Create **\$13,500**

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

Making It Better

Performance Support **\$556**

Artistic fee subsidy for ARTreach artists Danny Russo and Albert Goldreich to conduct art-making workshops in Houston, January 28-February 25, 2016. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served are at-risk youth.

Performance Support **\$427**

Artistic fee subsidy for ARTreach artists Danny Russo and Albert Goldreich to conduct visual arts workshops with underserved elementary students in Houston, June 7-14, 2016. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served are at-risk youth.

Midtown Management District Cultural A & E District

Arts Respond Project **\$1,275**

To support Art in the Park, a free festival that takes place in Houston's Baldwin Park, featuring artists, musical performances, food trucks, art demonstrations, and children's art activities, attracting an audience from Houston and the surrounding region.

Cultural District Project **\$25,000**

To support the development of a new website to better promote and market the Midtown Houston Cultural District to visitors with new interactive tools for planning your visit, tour ideas, an online events calendar, venue information, parking information and more.

Mildreds Umbrella Theater Company

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

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

To support the production, artistic, and marketing costs associated with a production of Mac Wellman's "Dracula" that will employ actors, designers, directors, and production staff in Houston.

Arts Respond Project **\$850**

To support performances of "Dollface," which addresses rape and violence towards women, and the provision of ancillary programs exploring the topic with the Houston Area Women's Center and the District Attorney's office.

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

Arts Create **\$14,500**

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

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

To support artistic and production costs associated with the celebration of Mexico's El Grito, Festival de la Independencia, at Miller Outdoor Theatre that will attract Houston residents and visitors.

Niell Gorman

Commission Initiative- Young Masters FY2016 **\$5,000**

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

Orange Show Center for Visionary Art

Arts Create **\$10,500**

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

Arts Respond Project **\$2,975**

To support the Art Car Parade in Houston, the world's oldest and largest art car parade that attracts over 250 vehicles from 23 states and an international audience of over 300,000.

Project Row House

Arts Create **\$5,500**

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Purple Songs Can Fly

Arts Create **\$11,500**

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

To support a program where patients at Texas Children's Hospitals in Houston and Katy have the opportunity to work with a songwriter to write, record, and share their own original songs.

Revels of Houston

Performance Support **\$1,590**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Austin Troubadours to perform in Houston on December 18-20, 2015. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served are adults over age 65 and/ or people with disabilities.

Rice Design Alliance/Rice University

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

Russian Cultural Center-Our Texas

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

To support the annual traditional song festival, featuring Russian-style camping along with the writing and performance of songs by amateurs who have roots in the former Soviet Union.

Arts Respond Project **\$2,975**

To support a traditional Russian song festival and camp in the Alabama-Coushatta Indian reservation near Livingston featuring renowned guest artists Leonid Sergeev and Dmitriy Bikchentaev.

Performance Support **\$2,700**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Flying Balalaika Brothers to perform in Houston on March 20, 2016.

Performance Support **\$2,700**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Flying Balalaika Brothers to perform in Houston on January 9, 2016. 25% or more of the audiences expected to be served are adults over age 65.

Sanskriti

Arts Create **\$4,500**

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

Shabach Enterprise

Arts Respond Project **\$850**

To support "Fade To Black," a community-based festival celebrating the new works of African-American playwrights that attracts an audience from Houston and across the state.

Singing from the Soul Foundation

Arts Respond Project **\$425**

To support choral music and voice workshops for middle and high school students in underserved schools in the Houston metropolitan area.

Society for the Performing Arts

Arts Create **\$6,500**

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

Arts Respond Project **\$850**

To support a multifaceted arts integration program that focuses on creative writing and performance for middle and high school students in the Houston metropolitan area.

St. Agnes Academy

Performance Support **\$306**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sarah Cortez to facilitate a workshop entitled "Let's Find a Poem" with students in Houston on April 4, 2016.

Theatre Under the Stars

Arts Create **\$9,500**

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

Arts Respond Project **\$3,825**

To support the musical production "Million Dollar Quartet" at Miller Outdoor Theatre that will attract visitors and residents and generate income for artists, technicians, and local businesses.

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

To support classroom theater and literacy workshops for high school students in Houston.

Arts Respond Project **\$3,400**

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

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

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 **\$9,500**

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

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

To support educational workshops on literacy, presented by authors, for elementary schools in the Rio Grande Valley.

UH/Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts

Arts Respond Project **\$2,975**

To support the CounterCurrent festival, an annual citywide event featuring interdisciplinary work by contemporary artists from throughout the world that attracts local audiences and visitors from across the country.

UH/Texas Music Festival

Arts Create **\$7,500**

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

University of Houston/ Blaffer Gallery

Arts Respond Project **\$2,125**

To support Your Brain on Art, a collaboration between the museum and Houston's scientific and technical communities to study the neural activity of visitors to the museum who agree to wear EEG skullcaps while touring the galleries.

Number of Awards: 88

Award Total: \$549,378