

TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS
AGENDA BOOK
JUNE 11, 2026
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS
AGENDA
COMMISSION MEETING
June 11, 2026 - 09:00 a.m.
In-Person and Web-based Video Conference
1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 125E
Austin, Texas 78723

This meeting will be held by videoconference call pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.127. The member presiding over the meeting will be physically present at the location of the meeting listed above and will preside over the meeting at that location. The meeting will be accessible to the public at the physical location listed above. An audio or (audio video) recording of the meeting will be available upon request after June 12, 2026. To obtain a copy of the recording, please email Dana Douglass Swann at dana@arts.texas.gov or call (512) 936-6570.

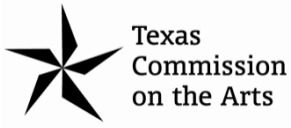
The Commission will meet at the above-stated time to consider and take appropriate action on the items listed below.

This meeting of the TCA has been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The members may discuss and/or take action on any of the items listed in the agenda. The Commission may go into executive session on any agenda item, if appropriate and authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Excuse Absent Commission Members
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the March 05, 2026 Commission Meeting
- V. Update on Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
- VI. Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
- VII. Acceptance of Donation from Texas Women for the Arts
- VIII. Report on TCA Audits
- IX. Acceptance of Letters of Appeal Impacting Grants and Touring Roster Inclusions to be Considered for Approval at This Meeting
- X. Approval of Touring Roster Inclusions
- XI. Approval of Arts Respond Performance Support Grants
- XII. Approval of Commission Initiatives/Designated Funding Grants

- XIII. Approval of Evaluators for Grant Review
- XIV. Update on the Cultural Districts Designation Program
- XV. Approval of the 2027 - 2031 Strategic Plan
- XVI. Approval of the 2028 - 2029 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR)
- XVII. Commissioner Reports on Arts Activities in Each Commissioner's Geographical Area (March 06, 2026 - June 11, 2026)
- XVIII. Texas Commission on the Arts Activities (March 06, 2026 - June 11, 2026)
- XIX. Texans for the Arts Activities (March 06, 2026 - June 11, 2026)
- XX. Texas Cultural Trust Activities (March 06, 2026 - June 11, 2026)
- XXI. Public Comment
- XXII. Future Meetings Schedule
- XXIII. Adjourn

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AGENDA ITEM: I

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
CALL TO ORDER

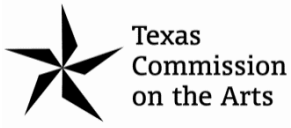
DISCUSSION: A public notice of the meeting containing all items on the agenda has been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 12:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026, as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as The Open Meeting Law.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Chair read the above statement to open the Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: II
DATE: JUNE 11, 2026
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

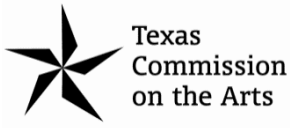
Commission Member attendance and Public Participants will be noted at this time.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Karen Partee, Chair	_____	_____
Theresa W. Chang	_____	_____
Diane Milliken Garza, Ph.D.	_____	_____
Mary Ann Apap Heller	_____	_____
Patty Nuss	_____	_____
Edwin K. "Kent" Perkins	_____	_____
Marci Roberts	_____	_____
Janine Turner	_____	_____
Nancy C. Windham	_____	_____

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: III

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
EXCUSE ABSENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

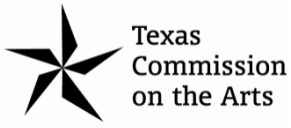
DISCUSSION: Commission Members' absences will be noted at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission considers approval to excuse absent Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: IV

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 05, 2026
COMMISSION MEETING**

DISCUSSION: Following is a draft of the minutes of the March 05, 2026 Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission considers approval of the minutes as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS
MINUTES
Commission Meeting
March 05, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
In Person and Web-based Video Conference
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 4.300
Austin, Texas 78701**

TIME & PLACE

The meeting of the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) was held in the George H.W. Bush State Office Building located at 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 4.300 in Austin, Texas beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 05, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Karen Partee called the meeting to order by reading the following statement: “A public notice of the meeting containing all items on the agenda has been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 9:25 a.m. on February 19, 2026 as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as The Open Meeting Law.”

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present

Karen Partee, Chair
Theresa W. Chang
Diane Milliken Garza, Ph.D.
Mary Ann Apap Heller
Patty Nuss
Edwin K. “Kent” Perkins
Nancy C. Windham

Commission Members Absent

Robert “Bobby” Lee
Marci L. Roberts

Staff Present

Gary Gibbs, Executive Director
Dana Douglass Swann, Executive Assistant
Amber West Rhodes, Director of Finance
Katy Jennings, Finance Assistant
Laura Wiegand, Director of Programs & Technology
Anina Moore, Director of Artist Services & Communications
Kenneth Williams, Associate Director of Programs
Michael Darough, Program Administrator
Rron Karahoda, Program Administrator
Matrex Kilgore, Program Administrator
Cristina Saltos, Program Administrator
Freddy Martinez, Systems Administrator
Jared VosWinkel, Program Assistant

Others Present

Martin Cohick, Office of the Attorney General
Christopher Kiley, Texans for the Arts

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

EXCUSE ABSENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Nuss made the motion and Commissioner Chang seconded that Commissioners Lee and Roberts be excused from the March 05, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 04, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Windham made the motion and Commissioner Nuss seconded that the minutes of the December 04, 2025 Commission meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

Amber West Rhodes, Director of Finance, reviewed the 2026 operating budget with Commissioners. Discussion followed.

REPORT ON TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS EFFICIENCY AUDIT

Dr. Gary Gibbs, Executive Director, gave a verbal report. Discussion followed.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST DONATION FOR YOUNG MASTERS

Commissioner Perkins made the motion and Commissioner Garza seconded that the Commission approves and accepts the \$75,000 donation from the Texas Cultural Trust to provide grants for the 2026 Young Masters. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTERS OF APPEAL IMPACTING GRANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL AT THIS MEETING

Kenneth Williams, Associate Director of Programs, stated that there were no appeals to be considered.

APPROVAL OF ARTS RESPOND PROJECT GRANTS

Mr. Williams reviewed the Arts Respond Project grants with Commissioners. Discussion followed. Commissioner Heller made the motion and Commissioner Nuss seconded that the Commission approves the funding distribution for the second round of FY 2026 Arts Respond Project grants as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners' conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ARTS RESPOND PERFORMANCE SUPPORT GRANTS

Anina Moore, Director of Artist Services and Communications, reviewed the Arts Respond Performance Support grants with Commissioners. Discussion followed. Commissioner Perkins made the motion and Commissioner Heller seconded that the Commission approves the funding distribution for the third round of FY 2026 Arts Respond Performance Support grants as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners' conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION INITIATIVES GRANTS

Cristina Saltos, Program Administrator, reviewed the Commission Initiatives grants with Commissioners. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nuss made the motion and Commissioner Heller seconded that the Commission approves the funding distributions for the third round of FY 2026 Commission Initiatives grants as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners' conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF YOUNG MASTERS GRANTS

Mr. Williams and Matrex Kilgore, Program Administrator, reviewed the Young Masters grants with Commissioners. Discussion followed. Commissioner Perkins made the motion and Commissioner Windham seconded that the Commission approves the funding distribution for the FY 2026 Commission Initiatives - Young Masters program grants as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners' conflicts of interests. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EVALUATORS FOR CULTURAL DISTRICT PROJECT GRANTS AND CULTURAL DISTRICT DESIGNATION

Rron Karahoda, Program Administrator, reviewed the slate of grant evaluators with Commissioners. Discussion followed. Commissioner Garza made the motion and Commissioner Chang seconded that the Commission adopts the slate of grant evaluators as presented and that TCA staff be instructed to recruit individuals to serve as necessary in order to fill vacancies. Motion carried.

REPORT ON THE CULTURAL DISTRICTS DESIGNATION PROGRAM

Michael Darough, Program Administrator, reported that TCA received letters of intent from the following twenty six districts: Arlington Cultural Entertainment District (Arlington), Athens Arts and Heritage District (Athens), East Cesar Chavez Cultural District (Austin), Baytown Cultural District (Baytown), Mitte Cultural District (Brownsville), Brownwood Cultural District (Brownwood), Buda Cultural District (Buda), Hillcrest Cultural Conservation District (Corpus Christi), Bishop Arts Cultural District (Dallas), Ledbetter Gardens (Dallas), Oak Cliff Cultural District (Dallas), Soul Street District (Dallas), DeSoto Cultural District (DeSoto), Edinburg Cultural District (Edinburg), Fayetteville Cultural District (Fayetteville), Historic Gainesville Cultural District (Gainesville), Galveston African American Heritage Cultural District (Galveston), South Texas Heritage District (Kingsville), Lockhart Cultural District (Lockhart), Lufkin Cultural District (Lufkin), Montrose Cultural District (Houston), Pecos Cultural District (Pecos), Round Rock Cultural District (Round Rock), Eastside Cultural District (San Antonio), Silk Road District (San Antonio), and Walnut Springs Cultural District (Seguin). Discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners Windham, Chang, Nuss, Perkins, and Garza, and Chair Partee gave reports.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (TCA) REPORT

Dr. Gibbs and Mr. Kilgore reported on the Poetry Out Loud competition event that was held in Austin on February 28.

TEXANS FOR THE ARTS (TFA) REPORT

Christopher Kiley reported on TFA activities.

TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST (TXCT) REPORT

Heidi Marquez Smith emailed her report on TXCT activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Commissioners reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

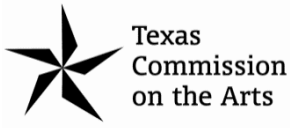
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

For reference, below please find the declared conflicts of interest for each Commissioner:

Commissioner	Conflict of Interest
Karen Partee, Chair	LeTourneau University/Belcher Performing Arts Center Longview Museum of Fine Arts Mid-America Arts Alliance Texas Bank and Trust
Theresa W. Chang	Asia Society Texas Center Chinese Community Center Houston Grand Opera Theatre Under the Stars
Diane Milliken Garza	Rio Grande Valley Philanthropic Foundation UT Rio Grande Valley, College of Fine Arts
Mary Ann Apap Heller	Austin Opera Austin Symphony Orchestra Long Center Texas Cultural Trust (Texas Women for the Arts)
Robert “Bobby” Lee	Big Texan Steak Ranch & RV Park Route 66 Centennial Commission Starlight Ranch Event Center
Patty Nuss	Art Center of Corpus Christi Art Museum of South Texas Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra South Texas Botanical Gardens
Edwin K. “Kent” Perkins	Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council Erath County Farm Bureau Historic Camp Bowie Business District Kent Perkins Capital, Inc. SAG-AFTRA Sunset Charity
Marci Roberts	Evans Gallery Marathon Primary Care Service
Nancy Windham	Angelina Thrive City of Crockett Nacogdoches County Hero Foundation Texas Economic Development Council

Texas Forest Country Partnership
Texas Forest Trail Region
Texas Rural Practitioners



AGENDA ITEM: V

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

Director of Finance, Amber West Rhodes, will give a verbal report.

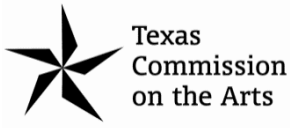
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Executive Director

**Texas Commission on the Arts
FY26 Budget Summary
As of April 30, 2026**

		2026 Budget	Actual as of 4/30/26	Projection	Grand Total	% of Total	Variance	Notes
1	Revenue:							
2	General Revenue	\$ 18,289,600	\$ 18,289,600	\$ -	\$ 18,289,600	90.05%	-	
3	Federal Funds	1,514,538	1,514,538	-	1,514,538	7.46%	-	
4	Appropriated Receipts	-	75,000	\$181,000	256,000	1.26%	256,000	TCT - Young Masters, Texas Women for the Arts
5	License Plate Trust Fund - Account No. 0802	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	1.23%	-	
6		Total: \$ 20,054,138	\$ 20,129,138	\$ 181,000	\$ 20,310,138	100%	\$ 256,000	
7								
8	Expenditures:							
9	Salaries & Other Personnel	\$ 1,143,725	\$ 658,122	475,909	1,134,031	5.59%	9,694	Staff transitions; 14 FTE
10	.5% Transfer to ERS - Retirement	5,599	3,207	2,392	5,599	0.03%	-	
11	1% transfer to ERS - Health	11,197	6,400	4,797	11,197	0.06%	-	
12	Workers' Assistance Program	294	147	147	294	0.00%	-	
13	Consumables	4,000	610	3,390	4,000	0.02%	-	
14	Furnishings and Equipment	-	4,565	-	4,565	0.02%	(4,565)	Hallway monitors; conf. room shelf (ADA compliance)
15	Data and Wireless Services	7,050	4,689	2,361	7,050	0.03%	-	
16	Travel	34,000	12,633	21,367	34,000	0.17%	-	
17	Parking	120	90	30	120	0.00%	-	
18	Copier and Printer Lease	3,808	2,538	1,270	3,808	0.02%	-	
19	Contracted Services - GMS Maintenance: Interior Realms	25,000	4,860	20,140	25,000	0.12%	-	
20	Contracted Services - Panelists	16,000	13,885	2,115	16,000	0.08%	-	
21	Contracted Services - Auditors	25,000	4,698	15,268	19,965	0.10%	5,035	PO amount \$19,965
22	Membership Dues - NASAA	23,650	24,215	-	24,215	0.12%	(565)	
23	Membership Dues - Texas State HR Association	75	75	-	75	0.00%	-	
24	Registration & Training	3,000	190	2,810	3,000	0.01%	-	
25	Postal Services	1,340	1,320	20	1,340	0.01%	-	
26	Webinars	600	561	-	561	0.00%	39	
27	Print Services	600	104	496	600	0.00%	-	
28	Freight and Delivery	400	296	104	400	0.00%	-	
29	Cloud Storage - Amazon Web Services	3,350	1,838	1,512	3,350	0.02%	-	
30	Computer, Hardware, and Software-Related	26,000	20,353	5,647	26,000	0.13%	-	Includes annual subscription costs
31	Grantmaker Base Subscription and Hosting - Fluxx	37,000	-	37,817	37,817	0.19%	(817)	PO Amount \$37,816.90
32	Books, Reference Materials, & Trade Publications	1,500	1,093	407	1,500	0.01%	-	
33	Voice and Data Services: DIR	9,300	4,641	4,659	9,300	0.05%	-	
34	Risk Management: SORM (WCI)	1,500	889	296	1,185	0.01%	315	FY26 Assessment amount
35	Bank Fees & Other	1,000	3,159	-	3,159	0.02%	(2,159)	Survey of Employee Engagement, Shredding, TV Install
36	Grants	\$ 18,669,030	17,422,353	1,502,677	18,925,030	93.21%	(256,000)	TCT- Young Masters, TWFA donation
37		Total: \$ 20,054,138	\$ 18,197,530	\$ 2,105,631	\$ 20,303,160	100%	(\$249,022)	
38								
39		Balance: \$ -			\$ 6,978		\$ 6,978	



AGENDA ITEM: VI

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING
BUDGET**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Rhodes will give an overview and status of the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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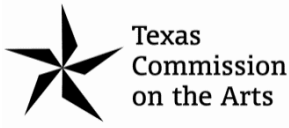
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Executive Director

Texas Commission on the Arts
2027 Operating Budget
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		\$	%	Notes
1	Appropriations			
2	General Revenue	16,838,573		Additional GR for Arts Org and Cultural District Grants (89th Legislature)
3	Federal Funds	1,377,000		
4	Other Funds:			
5	Appropriated Receipts	152,000		
6	License Plate Trust Fund - Account No. 0802	100,000		
7	<i>Subtotal:</i>	18,467,573		
8	<i>Adjusted Revenue:</i>			
9	General Revenue	18,289,600	91.4%	Includes \$1,450,000 carryover from FY26 to budget evenly across the biennium.
10	Federal Funds	1,464,538	7.3%	TCA FY27 NEA Award = \$1,464,538
11	Other Funds:			
12	Appropriated Receipts	-	0.0%	Donations Budgeted Upon Acceptance
13	License Plate Trust Fund - Account No. 0802	250,000	1.2%	Increased MyPlates sales
14	Total:	20,004,138	100.0%	
15				
16	Expenditures			
17	<i>Administration:</i>			
18	Salaries & Other Personnel	1,144,381	5.7%	14 FTE Salaries + Longevity + BRP
19	.5% Transfer to ERS - Retirement	5,597	0.0%	
20	1% transfer to ERS - Health	11,193	0.1%	
21	Workers' Assistance Program	294	0.0%	
22	Consumables	4,000	0.0%	
23	Data and Wireless Services	7,050	0.0%	
24	Travel	37,000	0.2%	
25	Parking	120	0.0%	
26	Copier and Printer Lease	3,808	0.0%	
27	Contracted Services - GMS Maintenance: Interior Realms	25,000	0.1%	
28	Contracted Services - Panelists	8,000	0.0%	Live and virtual panels in FY27
29	Contracted Services - Auditors	25,000	0.1%	
30	Membership Dues - NASAA	25,000	0.1%	
31	Membership Dues - Texas State HR Association	75	0.0%	
32	Registration & Training	3,000	0.0%	
33	Postal Services	1,340	0.0%	
34	Webinars	600	0.0%	
35	Print Services	600	0.0%	
36	Freight and Delivery	400	0.0%	
37	Cloud Storage - Amazon Web Services & Cloudberry	3,350	0.0%	

Texas Commission on the Arts
2027 Operating Budget
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38	Computer, Hardware, and Software-Related	26,000	0.1%	Includes annual subscription costs
39	Grantmaker Base Subscription and Hosting - Fluxx	40,000	0.2%	
40	Books, Reference Materials, & Trade Publications	1,500	0.0%	
41	Voice and Data Services: DIR	9,300	0.0%	
42	Risk Management: SORM (WCI)	1,500	0.0%	
43	Bank Fees & Other	1,000	0.0%	
44	<i>Subtotal:</i>	1,385,108	6.9%	
45	<i>Direct Programs:</i>			
46	Grants - General Revenue	16,904,492	84.5%	
47	Grants - NEA	1,464,538	7.3%	
48	Grants - Donations	-	0.0%	
49	Grants - License Plate	250,000	1.2%	
50	<i>Subtotal:</i>	18,619,030	93.1%	
51				
52	Total:	20,004,138	100.0%	



AGENDA ITEM: VII

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM TEXAS WOMEN
FOR THE ARTS**

DISCUSSION: On April 8, 2026, the Commission received notification that the Texas Women for the Arts awarded \$181,000 to 24 organizations through their annual grant distribution process. The list of grants they provided to TCA is included here along with a copy of the check. These funds will be distributed by the Texas Commission on the Arts through their Designated Funding grant program, in accordance with the designations by Texas Women for the Arts.

In consideration of the agency's gift policy, staff is bringing the donation to the Commission for acceptance.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves and accepts the donation from the Texas Cultural Trust to provide grants to the Texas Women for the Arts recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

Organization Name	Region	City	TWA Sponsor	TWA Grant Request	2026 TWA Funding	Children Served
Creative Kids	West Texas or Panhandle	El Paso	Amy Graham	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	125
Kids Excel El Paso	West Texas or Panhandle	El Paso	Anne Elise Babel	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	1,200
Casa Mañana	North Texas	Fort Worth	Olivia Kearney	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	47,000
Marfa Theatre (d.b.a. Marfa Live Arts)	West Texas or Panhandle	Marfa	Tania Schwartz	\$30,000.00	\$7,000.00	325
Academy of Dance – Tyler Junior College	North Texas	Tyler	Tisa Hibbs	\$25,950.00	\$7,000.00	1,500
Ballet San Antonio	South Texas	San Antonio	Corinna Holt Richter	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	6,000
Center for Women & Their Work	Central Texas	Austin	Cissy & Claire Warner	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00	1,100
Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corp.	Upper Gulf Coast	Houston	Lauren Anderson	\$25,000.00	\$9,500.00	100
Zachary Scott Theatre Center	Central Texas	Austin	Mindy Ellmer	\$30,000.00	\$7,000.00	29,230
Hope Stone, Inc.	Upper Gulf Coast	Houston	Virginia Blanton	\$20,000.00	\$7,000.00	900
Austin Theatre Alliance	Central Texas	Austin	Janna Paulson	\$20,000.00	\$7,000.00	16,000
Art Center of Corpus Christi	South Texas	Corpus Christi	Lynda Jones	\$30,000.00	\$7,000.00	100
Odessa Arts	West Texas or Panhandle	Odessa	Sondra Eoff	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	2,500
Victoria Ballet Theatre	South Texas	Victoria	Kathleen Keating	\$39,995.00	\$5,000.00	3,875
North Texas Performing Arts	North Texas	Plano	Janet Sherlip	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	287
University of Texas Foundation for the benefit of Texas Performing Arts	Central Texas	Austin	Karen Rove	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	3,000
Raps and Apps Inc (DBA Murals For A Cause)	South Texas	Corpus Christi	Cheryl Redding Votzmeyer Rios	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	175
Hobby Center for the Performing Arts	Upper Gulf Coast	Houston	Cabrina Owsley	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	40,000
Jazz Houston	Upper Gulf Coast	Houston	Gay Gaddis	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	23
Van Cliburn Foundation, Inc.	North Texas	Fort Worth	Kim Darden	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	60,000
The Majestic Empire Foundation	South Texas	San Antonio	Lyn Straus Selig	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	2,500
Open Dance Project	Upper Gulf Coast	Houston	Leslie Blanton	\$28,400.00	\$5,000.00	10,000
The Austin Symphony Orchestra Society, Inc.	Central Texas	Austin	Linda van Bavel	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	12,500
Southern Methodist University	North Texas	Dallas	Janet Sherlip	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	750
TWA Competitive Grant					\$181,000.00	239,190

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDE TRUE WATERMARK PAPER, HEAT SENSITIVE ICON AND FOIL HOLOGRAM.

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901 S MOPAC EXPRESSWAY
BARTON OAKS PLAZA II STE 410
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746

5/20/2026

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Texas Commission on the Arts

\$ **181,000.00

One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand and 00/100***** DOLLARS

Texas Commission on the Arts
920 Colorado Street #501
Austin, Texas 78701



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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



MEMO
FY26 TWA Competitive Grants

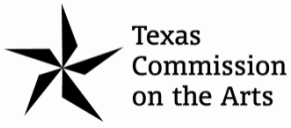
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AGENDA ITEM: VIII

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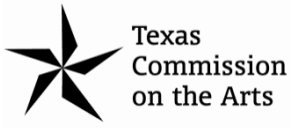
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
REPORT ON TCA AUDITS

Ms. Rhodes will give a verbal report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: IX

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**ACCEPTANCE OF LETTERS OF APPEAL IMPACTING
GRANTS AND TOURING ROSTER INCLUSIONS TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL AT THIS MEETING**

DISCUSSION: Applicants for TCA grant and roster programs who believe their proposals were rejected for the following two reasons may appeal to the Commission for reconsideration:

1. Influence of evaluation panel or Commissioners who willfully failed to disclose conflicts of interest; or
2. Provision of incorrect information by the TCA staff or evaluators at the time of voting, despite the presence of the correct information as part of the original application.

The applicant must be able to show a link between one of these circumstances and a low score or rating and/or negative panel comment.

Dissatisfaction with the denial of an application or with the amount of the grant is an insufficient reason for appeal.

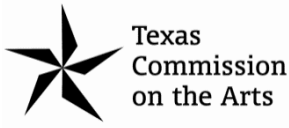
Appeals must be presented through a written appeal form. The deadline for appeals is one week prior to the quarterly Commission meeting where the application under appeal will be considered. All appeals will be presented to the Commission for their consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff will present appeals and recommendations for the Commission to consider.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: X

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
APPROVAL OF TOURING ROSTER INCLUSIONS

DISCUSSION: The Texas Touring Arts Program is designed to ensure that all Texans have the ability to enjoy performances by outstanding Texas-based companies and artists in their own communities.

The program consists of two elements that work together:

- 1) **A roster** of high-quality artists willing to travel outside of their community (a.k.a. tour) and perform for a reasonable fee. Roster placement does not guarantee bookings, so the artists are responsible for maximizing this opportunity as a tool for marketing.
- 2) **A companion funding program** that subsidizes a portion of the artist's fees. These funds are applied for and paid to the organization bringing in the artist (a.k.a. the presenter).

Texas-based performing artists and companies (storytellers, dancers, musicians, literary artists, theatrical companies, and visual and media artists) apply to be included on the TCA Texas Touring Roster for a two-year appointment.

The Commission received and processed **250** applications to the roster program from companies and artists. Four applications were withdrawn. Evaluators with expertise in touring reviewed and scored the remaining **246** applications. A total of 93 applications fell below the score of 850 and are not recommended for inclusion in the roster. This recommendation would produce a new roster of **153** performing artists and companies, plus the **36** Texas State Artists who remain on the roster, for a total roster of **189** artists for FY 2027-2028.

Included in this section are the following documents:

- Program Description
- Evaluators for Touring Roster Inclusion Program
- Overview of Applicants
- How to Read the Ranking Sheets
- Ranking Sheets

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves the recommended slate of artists and companies for the Touring Roster Inclusion Program for FY 2027-2028 as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners' conflicts of interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gibbs

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Executive Director

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Touring Roster Inclusion

Intent: To ensure that every Texas community has access to high quality arts programming at an affordable price.

The Texas Commission on the Arts maintains an approved Touring Roster of Texas-based touring companies and artists. In this program, the artist or artist's management sets the fee and negotiates the booking. Applicants must have a history of touring and maintain a reasonable fee range. Roster artists are required to perform outside their community regularly. Touring artists offer performances as well as optional services that may include workshops, master classes, lecture-demonstrations, arts education components, residencies, or short performances. The fact that an artist is approved to the roster does not imply or guarantee that the artist will receive bookings in the coming year. Please read the FAQ for more information. This competitive program is available every other year. The TCA Touring Roster is available online: [TCA Touring Roster](#).

Grant Type: Multi-year

Application Limit: One application per organization for this program

Request Limit: Not applicable-- this is a designation program

Match Requirement: Not applicable

Eligibility: Texas-based nonprofits, individuals, universities, and unincorporated/for-profit groups providing arts performances

**2026 Touring Roster Inclusion
Evaluators with Declared Conflicts**

Name	Title	Organization	City	Conflict(s)
Multidiscipline				
Coyote Balderrama-Shook	School Programs Coordinator	Texas State History Museum/State Preservation Board	Austin	Ballet Austin, Texas State History Museum/State Preservation Board, Kim Lehman, Native American Cultural Center, Neill-Cochran House Museum, Teach for America
Tory Farley	Program Director	Arts for Rural Texas	Fayetteville	Arts for Rural Texas
Alex Malone	Vice President and Executive Producer	AT&T Center for the Performing Arts	Dallas	Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, AT&T Center for the Performing Arts, Bruce Wood Dance Company, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Dallas Opera, Dallas Theater Center, Texas Ballet Theater, Wandering Drama Company
Cassandra Parker-Nowicki	Executive Director	Carver Development Board	San Antonio	Arte y Pasion Flamenco and Spanish Performing Arts Company, Carver Development Board, Dallas Black Dance Theatre
Toni Simmons	Texas Touring Roster Artist	Toni Simmons	Houston	Toni Simmons
Claudia de Vasco	Managing Director	Miller Theatre Advisory Board	Houston	Miller Theatre Advisory Board
Music				
Mark Miller	President	Mount Vernon Music Association	Mount Vernon	Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Mount Vernon Music Association
Pete Owens	President and Artistic Director	Coffee House Houston	Houston	Coffee House Houston, KPFT Radio
Maureen Patton	Executive Director	Grand 1894 Opera House	Galveston	Grand 1894 Opera House
Jeannelle Ramirez	Director of Education and Documentation	Texas Folklife	Austin	Alex Meixner, Cine Las Americas, Juan Longoria Jr. y Conteño, Texas Folklife
Dana West	Director of Programming	Long Center	Austin	Long Center
Jennifer Wooden	Director	Charles Bender Performing Arts Center - City of Humble	Humble	Charles Bender Performing Arts Center - City of Humble

OVERVIEW OF APPLICANTS
Touring Roster Inclusion Program
 For Roster Placement FY2027 - FY2028

Category	State Artists	Previous Roster	Applicants	Recommended	New
OVERALL	36	139	246	153	41%
Authors	12	3	10	9	78%
Dance		18	24	17	24%
Film/Animation		1	0	0	----
Multidisciplinary		5	7	5	40%
Music	11	75	150	83	42%
Storytellers		11	16	12	42%
Theater		20	30	21	29%
Visual Arts	13	6	9	6	50%

Upon designation, Texas State Artists are invited to be included on the Texas Touring Roster. State Artists remain on the roster unless they move out of state or request to cycle off.

HOW TO READ THE RANKING SHEETS

Touring Roster Inclusion Program

For Roster Placement FY2027-FY2028

Column 1	Line number for reference only
Column 2	Application number (unique identifier)
Column 3	Applicant Name
Column 4	Application score given by evaluators, adjusted to a perfect score of 1000 (taking into account the number of panelists voting)
Column 5	Discipline category
Column 6	City where applicant organization is located
Column 7	New indicates if applicant is currently on the roster or not

Ranking Sheet of Applicants to the Texas Commission on the Arts
Touring Roster Inclusion Program

Line	App #	Applicant Name	Score	Discipline	City	New
1	52789738	Main Street Theater	982	Theater	Houston	
2	53011080	Dallas Black Dance Theatre	975	Dance	Dallas	
3	52902616	Jomo & The Possum Posse/Jomo Edwards	975	Music	Austin	new
4	53047943	Community Arts	973	Visual Arts	Austin	new
5	53038890	Ballet Nepantla	972	Dance	Edinburg	new
6	53031594	Sue Foley	972	Music	Austin	
7	53057321	Alley Theatre	970	Theater	Houston	
8	52788350	Asleep at the Wheel	970	Music	Austin	
9	53034760	Glass Half Full Theatre	967	Theater	Austin	
10	53013794	J Muzacz	965	Visual Arts	Austin	
11	52922960	Houston Grand Opera	962	Music	Houston	new
12	53062955	Invoke	962	Music	Austin	new
13	53056680	The Cliburn	962	Music	Fort Worth	
14	53062052	Chibbi	958	Theater	San Antonio	new
15	53065320	Javier Jara	958	Music	Austin	
16	53064708	Guy Forsyth	957	Music	Buda	
17	53066583	Diaz Music Institute	957	Music	Houston	new
18	52623201	Ebony Stewart	955	Storytelling	Houston	new
19	53056765	Anuradha Naimpally	955	Dance	Austin	
20	52752739	Kam Franklin	953	Music	Houston	new
21	53066025	Del Castillo	953	Music	Kyle	
22	53050561	Eddie Vega	952	Authors	San Antonio	
23	52783325	Chris Espinosa-XYZ	950	Theater	Keller	
24	53067141	Mariachi Las Alteñas	950	Music	San Antonio	
25	53061779	Hot Club of Cowtown	950	Music	Austin	new
26	52819984	David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming	948	Music	Wichita Falls	
27	52909921	Houston Symphony Society	947	Music	Houston	
28	53063764	Chelsea de Souza	940	Music	Houston	
29	52949330	Le Theatre de Marionette	938	Theater	Fort Worth	
30	53000524	Trio Los Vigilantes	938	Music	Austin	
31	53064360	Anel I. Flores	937	Authors	San Antonio	new

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32	53004261	Texas Shakespeare Festival's Roadshow	937	Theater	Kilgore	
33	53039598	NobleMotion Dance	937	Dance	Houston	
34	52771480	Chris Barton	937	Authors	Austin	
35	52961264	Bernadette Nason	937	Storytelling	Austin	
36	53066778	Luke Bulla	935	Music	Austin	
37	53064262	Guadalupe Dance Company	935	Dance	San Antonio	
38	53051983	Pamela Hart	932	Music	Cedar Park	
39	53066029	Texas Folklife	930	Music	Dallas	
40	53059867	The Western Flyers	930	Music	Burleson	
41	52986374	Storybook Theatre of Texas	930	Theater	New Braunfels	
42	53006286	Donna Ingham	928	Storytelling	Bertram	
43	53067238	The Grand Ol' Production Company	928	Theater	Salado	
44	52887170	Aaron Stephens	928	Music	Bryan	new
45	53063929	Ballet Austin	928	Dance	Austin	
46	52955642	Axiom Quartet	927	Music	Houston	
47	53066374	WindSync	927	Music	Houston	
48	53063984	Tish Hinojosa	927	Music	Buda	
49	53012756	Los Texmaniacs	927	Music	San Antonio	
50	53005938	Grupo Fantasma	926	Music	Buda	
51	53055007	Mezclada Dance Company	925	Dance	Houston	
52	52923542	Zak Mirz	925	Theater	Bedford	
53	52834924	Madam Radar	925	Music	Dale	new
54	52924051	Brave Little Company	923	Theater	Houston	
55	52947823	Decee Cornish	923	Storytelling	Fort Worth	
56	52704876	Joel Laviolette & Rattletree	922	Music	Austin	
57	52790764	Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist	920	Music	Austin	
58	52782386	MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder	920	Theater	Arlington	
59	53067254	Loop38	920	Music	Houston	new
60	52958199	Oliver Rajamani	920	Music	Austin	
61	52897465	Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklorico	918	Dance	Wylie	
62	53011958	Sue Young	918	Storytelling	Austin	

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Line	App #	Applicant Name	Score	Discipline	City	New
63	52963590	Kathak Rhythms	918	Multidisciplinary	Plano	
64	52985012	Angela Henderson Smith	918	Authors	Sunnyvale	new
65	53063047	Pat Hazell/Sweetwood Creative	917	Theater	Austin	
66	52566372	Big Love Car Wash	915	Music	Austin	new
67	52948119	Alda P. Dobbs	915	Authors	Montgomery	new
68	52261931	Indrajit Banerjee	914	Music	Austin	
69	52885047	Toni Simmons	914	Storytelling	Cypress	
70	53065893	Shasparay	913	Authors	Pflugerville	new
71	52984053	The Bike Zoo	913	Visual Arts	Austin	
72	53063429	Riyaz Qawwali	912	Music	Friendswood	new
73	52758310	Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian	912	Music	Austin	
74	52598196	Texas Gypsies	912	Music	Allen	new
75	53066080	Taylord	912	Visual Arts	Austin	new
76	53067046	Daniel Pardo	910	Music	Hempstead	
77	53050662	Austin Taiko	908	Music	Austin	new
78	53059513	Monarch Chamber Players	908	Music	Houston	
79	53008787	The Peterson Brothers	907	Music	Bastrop	
80	52957888	Dave Meder	907	Music	Denton	
81	52930873	Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra	906	Music	Fort Worth	new
82	53010888	Bruce Wood Dance	906	Dance	Dallas	
83	53063595	Lone Star Circus	905	Theater	Dallas	new
84	53019662	Alex Meixner	904	Music	New Braunfels	
85	53041909	Austin Symphony Orchestra	903	Music	Austin	new
86	52984030	Oba William King	903	Storytelling	Forest Hill	
87	53051856	Azul Barrientos	902	Music	San Antonio	new
88	52560200	Terrence Taps	902	Dance	Cedar Park	new
89	52907734	Amie Maciszewski/Sangeet Millennium	902	Music	Dallas	
90	53066477	Percussion Things	902	Storytelling	Plano	
91	52759018	Raul Ayala Band	898	Music	Corpus Christi	new
92	52323017	Silambam Houston	898	Multidisciplinary	Houston	
93	53059807	Paramount Story Wranglers	897	Theater	Austin	new

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94	52914479	Magik Theatre	897	Theater	San Antonio	
95	53062627	Mercury Chamber Orchestra	895	Music	Houston	
96	52805754	Montopolis	895	Music	Austin	
97	52134280	Blue Lapis Light	895	Dance	Austin	
98	52906247	George Ensle	895	Music	San Marcos	
99	53064927	Brave Combo	895	Music	Denton	
100	52728207	Stephanie Urbina Jones & The Honky Tonk Mariachi	895	Music	Austin	
101	53008262	Graham Reynolds	893	Music	Austin	
102	52907473	Kamica King	893	Music	Dallas	
103	53043113	Sue Kuentz	893	Storytelling	Bulverde	
104	52961648	Ballet Frontier of Texas	892	Dance	Fort Worth	
105	53057427	Jolie Rocke	892	Music	Hockley	
106	53052127	Goodhearted Entertainment	890	Theater	Pflugerville	
107	52893819	Joe McDermott	888	Music	Austin	
108	53042372	Dr. Sunanda Nair and Sunanda's Performing Arts Center	887	Multidisciplinary	Stafford	new
109	52941878	Amalia Ortiz	887	Authors	San Antonio	new
110	53060012	Open Dance Project	887	Dance	Houston	
111	52895880	Magic in the Library	887	Theater	Lubbock	
112	52995523	El Chanclazo	886	Music	Denton	new
113	52758227	Iron Frog Press	885	Visual Arts	Dallas	new
114	53008379	Mr. Will/Will and The Wilderness	883	Music	Austin	
115	53067326	South Austin Moonlighters	883	Music	Austin	
116	52896894	Ida y Vuelta Flamenco Dance Company	883	Multidisciplinary	Dallas	new
117	52866769	Double Vision Jazz Ensemble	880	Music	Austin	new
118	52829022	Ramblin' Rita	880	Storytelling	Lindale	new
119	53066382	Melissa Carper	880	Music	Driftwood	new
120	52764513	Georgia Parker	880	Music	San Marcos	new
121	52660812	Danielle Talamantes, Kerry Wilkerson	880	Music	Boerne	new
122	52955989	The Vinyl Stripes	878	Music	Allen	
123	52771453	Elizabeth Kahura	878	Multidisciplinary	Hutto	
124	52975275	Kim Lehman	878	Storytelling	Smithville	new

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125	53050482	Jonathan Palomar	878	Music	San Antonio	new
126	53063977	Texas Cellos	877	Music	Dallas	
127	53067004	Sofrito y Su Melao	876	Music	Red Rock	
128	53042045	Bob Livingston	875	Music	Austin	
129	53016855	Natyanjali Kuchipudi Dance School	875	Dance	Frisco	new
130	52983163	Vocal Majority Chorus	875	Music	Dallas	new
131	52773832	Tío Tóto	875	Music	Pflugerville	new
132	52627017	Russell Joe Thompson	875	Music	Lubbock	new
133	52986143	The Limelitters	875	Music	Austin	
134	52916566	Yuck Show	875	Theater	Houston	
135	53041149	Nancy Churnin	873	Authors	Plano	new
136	53067336	Chloe de Souza	873	Music	Houston	new
137	53067299	Juan Longoria Jr. y Conteño	873	Music	Los Fresnos	new
138	53061514	Invincible Czars	872	Music	Austin	new
139	52761797	Ramazinis Circus Theater	872	Theater	Garland	new
140	53063467	Jelly Ellington	868	Music	Austin	new
141	52871014	Light Crust Doughboys featuring Marek Eneti	867	Music	Mesquite	new
142	53065694	Hope Shiver	867	Storytelling	Houston	new
143	52901886	Rudi Harst	867	Theater	San Antonio	new
144	52867425	Laser Spectacles	865	Visual Arts	San Marcos	
145	53059289	Alex Tha Great	865	Authors	Dallas	new
146	52803984	Hot Pickin 57s	860	Music	Austin	new
147	53052872	Terri Hendrix	857	Music	Martindale	
148	53063168	Native American Cultural Center fka Great Promise	856	Dance	Austin	
149	52962110	ARCOS Dance	855	Dance	Austin	new
150	53059455	Central Texas Philharmonic	852	Music	Georgetown	new
151	53067355	A'lante Flamenco	852	Dance	Austin	
152	52297730	Rochelle & the Sidewinders Duo	850	Music	Austin	new
153	53067304	Dirty River Jazz Band	850	Music	New Braunfels	new
154	53067070	John Pointer	848	Music	Austin	new
155	52903007	Giulia Millanta	845	Music	Austin	new

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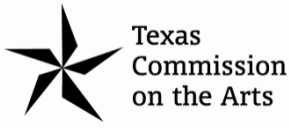
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156	52988410	Belen Escobedo	843	Music	San Antonio	new
157	52980829	Mr. Blue Shoes	840	Music	Lakeway	new
158	52771652	Chemistry Laboratories	838	Theater	Austin	new
159	52994477	Maroon 9 Community Enrichment Organization	838	Theater	Crowley	new
160	53048758	John Adams	837	Music	Dallas	new
161	53067354	Suzanna Choffel	835	Music	Austin	new
162	53067329	Lisa Morales	832	Music	Austin	new
163	52098366	Marlon Simon and the Nagual Spirits	832	Music	Katy	
164	53067253	Mrs. Dipsworth	830	Storytelling	Fort Worth	
165	53064588	Temple of Fine Arts Texas	828	Multidisciplinary	Austin	new
166	52968414	Stockton Helbing	827	Music	Lewisville	new
167	52808658	Social Movement Contemporary Dance Theater	827	Dance	Houston	new
168	53067143	Blue Water Highway	827	Music	Kyle	
169	53064418	Sister Golden Hair the Band	825	Music	San Marcos	new
170	53062326	Vickie McMillan-Hayes	823	Visual Arts	Galveston	
171	53067302	Lannaya Drum & Dance	822	Multidisciplinary	Austin	
172	53066100	Lone Star Brass Quintet	820	Music	Midland	new
173	53063479	Carol Elliott	815	Music	San Antonio	
174	53062599	Kinetic Ensemble	812	Music	Houston	new
175	53036335	Colleen Hughes Mallette	810	Music	Fort Worth	new
176	53067352	Bright Light Social Hour	810	Music	Austin	new
177	53065189	Sohee Kwon	810	Music	Austin	new
178	53064063	Billy Bright	807	Music	Wimberley	new
179	52966810	Houston Brass Quintet	805	Music	Houston	new
180	52762097	Dan Radin	800	Music	Austin	new
181	52963128	Milton Holbrook	800	Music	San Antonio	new
182	52956610	La Fenice	798	Theater	Austin	new
183	53043260	Zack Walther Band	798	Music	New Braunfels	new
184	53005385	Mariachi Rock Revolution	793	Music	Austin	new
185	53065499	Vanessa Y. Rogers	792	Storytelling	San Antonio	new
186	53064900	Atlas Maior	792	Music	Austin	new

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187	52923033	Arte y Pasion Flamenco and Spanish Performing Arts C	788	Dance	San Antonio	
188	53064380	Bronson Louis	780	Music	Fort Worth	new
189	53063776	Gurwitz International Piano Competition Winner and F	775	Music	San Antonio	
190	53067196	Gamelan of the New Moon	774	Music	Houston	new
191	52934563	Wandering Drama Company	774	Theater	Keller	new
192	53014602	Linny Nance	773	Music	Dallas	new
193	53057132	Aurora	772	Visual Arts	Dallas	new
194	52085754	Chris DeVore	772	Music	Austin	new
195	53024427	Jen Joy & YoYo Magic Dot Fun	770	Theater	Austin	new
196	52932642	Hill Country Honeys	768	Music	Wimberley	new
197	52800033	Triptonite	768	Music	Corpus Christi	new
198	52903765	Patricia Vonne	763	Music	Austin	
199	52797580	Ji Young Jeon	760	Music	League City	new
200	53066180	Katherine Paterson	760	Music	McKinney	new
201	53063789	Alex Hand	758	Music	Fort Worth	new
202	53067075	Palacios Bros	757	Music	Hebbronville	new
203	53001415	The Williams Music Family	755	Music	Austin	new
204	53066551	Leah Hollingshead and Maggie Hinchliffe	752	Music	Brownsville	new
205	53067359	House of Shyne	750	Storytelling	San Antonio	new
206	52902195	Adelante Winds	750	Music	Converse	new
207	53057526	ABCDuo	748	Music	Georgetown	new
208	52894258	Brian Wolff & the Howlers	747	Music	Austin	new
209	53067177	Los Enmascarados	736	Music	Kingsville	new
210	52693883	Higher Impact Entertainment	735	Theater	San Antonio	new
211	53067241	Leslie Austin	735	Music	Dallas	new
212	52769605	inMOTION Studios	733	Theater	Waxahachie	new
213	52525047	Joseph Dixon	732	Music	Pearland	
214	52789210	Flatlands Dance Theatre	722	Dance	Lubbock	new
215	53020944	Paul Finley	720	Music	Austin	
216	53061406	Dean Ray	717	Music	Dallas	new
217	52980673	Mark Winters	713	Music	Sugar Land	new

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218	53058724	VHS	713	Music	New Braunfels	new
219	52067455	Isaac Sloane & the Sound Brigade	712	Music	Denton	new
220	53041012	Corey Trahan	707	Music	Fort Worth	new
221	53061684	Cale and the 45's	705	Music	Wolfforth	new
222	52930822	Marina Rocks	700	Music	Austin	new
223	52901872	Shayan	688	Music	Houston	new
224	52691533	Jay Sueños	678	Music	Lubbock	new
225	53067364	Ivy Roots	675	Music	Austin	new
226	53067335	Ballet Texas	672	Dance	Spring Branch	new
227	53021700	Bestie Wonderland	672	Theater	Austin	new
228	53064294	SaulPaul	670	Music	Austin	
229	52827639	ConTempo Studios	665	Music	Houston	new
230	53060747	Andrea V. Rivas	660	Visual Arts	San Antonio	new
231	52479682	Texas Supremacy of Music & Arts Conservatory: Unfad	657	Music	Dallas	new
232	52803976	Caterina Rossini	653	Music	Princeton	new
233	52769276	Danny Brooks & Lil Miss Debi	652	Music	Llano	new
234	52551314	Artistic Education Company/Monique Dache'	645	Music	Austin	new
235	53030414	Circus Chickendog	640	Theater	Austin	new
236	53052923	Will Baffle	638	Storytelling	Fort Worth	new
237	53053317	T-XYZ/Reiko	638	Music	Coppell	new
238	52970294	Wes Barlow	623	Music	Katy	new
239	53060659	Armadillo Road	620	Music	Buda	new
240	52791220	Crucial Riddim	610	Music	Corpus Christi	new
241	53031666	LoneStar Dance Crew	607	Dance	San Antonio	new
242	52654400	Miss Marcy & her Texas SugarDaddy's	593	Music	Dallas	new
243	53060130	Pan-Tones	585	Dance	Denton	new
244	53063036	Taps 'n Tunes Productions	563	Dance	Crowley	new
245	53059408	MexMama	535	Authors	Dallas	new
246	53062339	United Kins	530	Music	Houston	new



AGENDA ITEM: XI

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**APPROVAL OF ARTS RESPOND PERFORMANCE
SUPPORT GRANTS**

DISCUSSION: In accordance with TCA’s guidelines for Arts Respond Performance Support grant applications, TCA staff processed applications submitted and completed for the May 1, 2026 quarterly deadline. This batch of grants includes applications submitted for activities starting between June 15, 2026 and August 31, 2026. The Commission received and processed **117** applications in this quarter. Nine applications were ineligible and withdrawn prior to panel review. The remaining **108** applications come from **79** organizations in **67** Texas cities and support **43** different artists/companies from the Texas Touring Roster. All of these applications are recommended by staff to receive funding.

Five advisory evaluators reviewed the requests, and a majority of the evaluators approved the funding recommendations made by TCA staff. These recommendations are now submitted to the Commission for its approval.

The following informational items are included:

- Budget for Arts Respond Performance Support Grants
- List of Evaluators for Arts Respond Performance Support Grants
- Program Description
- Funding Recommendations with Descriptions for Performance Support

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves the funding distribution for the fourth round of FY 2026 Arts Respond Performance Support grants as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners’ conflicts of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Gibbs".

Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director

TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

**ARTS RESPOND PERFORMANCE SUPPORT
GRANTS BUDGET**

Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME SOURCE	FY 2026
General Revenue*	\$ 650,000
State of the Arts License Plate	50,000
Canceled Grants – FY2026	5,900
TOTAL	\$ 705,900

*Full or partially restricted funding source

EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM	YEAR TO DATE
Arts Respond Performance Support	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1st Quarter Grants \$239,265 ➤ 2nd Quarter Grants \$168,601 ➤ 3rd Quarter Grants \$204,389 ➤ 4th Quarter Grants \$ 93,413
REMAINING BUDGET	\$ 232

Arts Respond Performance Support
LIST OF EVALUATORS WITH DECLARED CONFLICTS
 Fiscal Year 2026

EVALUATOR	CONFLICT
Chris Aucoin Development Director Grand 1894 Opera House Galveston, TX	Grand 1894 Opera House
Jennifer Buell Grants & Data Manager Tobin Center for the Performing Arts San Antonio, TX	Ballet San Antonio Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
Cheryl Fisher Executive Director Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Association New Braunfels, TX	Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Association
Yukio Kuniyuki III Executive Director San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition San Angelo, TX	Fort Concho National Historic Monument San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition
Angela Peña Communications and Development Director Friends of the Levitt Pavilion - Arlington Arlington, TX	Friends of the Levitt Pavilion - Arlington

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
 Arts Respond Performance Support

This program provides professional artist fees to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations for hiring an artist from the TCA's Texas Touring Roster to do a performance or workshop. These non-competitive applications are funded based on a percentage of contracted fees.

Grant Type: Quarterly

Application Limit: Multiple applications can be submitted, but only \$12,000 cumulatively will be awarded to an organization per fiscal year (Sept.-Aug.).

Minimum Request: \$75

Maximum Request: \$8,000

Match Requirement: dollar for dollar (1:1)
 Quarterly Grants Subject to Commission Approval

Eligibility: All Texas nonprofits, schools, colleges, and units of government

Texas Commission on the Arts
ARTS RESPOND PERFORMANCE SUPPORT

Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Recommended Awards

The following recommendations have been approved by a majority of the evaluators.

ORGANIZATION	REQUEST	AWARD
Abilene Cultural Affairs Council		
Application #: 77770040	Request: \$300	Award: \$227
Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to perform at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature in Abilene, 07/11/26 - 07/11/26.		
Actions of Brazoria County		
Application #: 77770252	Request: \$6,750	Award: \$4,000
Artistic fee subsidy for The Grand Ol' Production Company to perform at The Clarion in Lake Jackson, 07/03/26 - 07/03/26.		
Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning		
Application #: 77770244	Request: \$300	Award: \$300
Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to perform at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Austin, 08/11/26 - 08/11/26.		
American Legion Post 0039		
Application #: 77769975	Request: \$4,128	Award: \$1,500
Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Dale Watson to perform at Murphy Park Pavilion in Taylor, 07/04/26 - 07/04/26.		
Anderson Center for the Arts		
Application #: 77770251	Request: \$750	Award: \$750
Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to perform three times at the Anderson Center for the Arts in Houston, 07/07/26 - 07/16/26.		
Andrews County Library		
Application #: 77770133	Request: \$346	Award: \$346
Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Andrews County Library in Andrews, 06/30/26 - 06/30/26.		
Andrews County Library		
Application #: 77770192	Request: \$375	Award: \$375
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at the James Roberts Center in Andrews, 06/16/26 - 06/16/26.		
Andy Roddick Foundation (dba)		
Application #: 77770255	Request: \$700	Award: \$700
Artistic fee subsidy for Lannaya Drum & Dance to conduct dance workshops at Harris Elementary in Austin, 07/06/26 - 07/07/26.		

Aransas County/Public Library

Application #: 77770131 Request: \$500 Award: \$500
Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Aransas County Public Library in Rockport, 06/26/26 - 06/26/26.

Arts for Rural Texas (dba)

Application #: 77770231 Request: \$1,296 Award: \$1,296
Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at community centers and libraries in Navasota, Round Top, and La Grange, 07/07/26 - 07/09/26.

Austin Theatre Alliance

Application #: 77769023 Request: \$325 Award: \$325
Artistic fee subsidy for Ruthie Foster to perform at Central Presbyterian Church in Austin, 06/17/26 - 06/17/26.

Avondale House

Application #: 77770237 Request: \$674 Award: \$673
Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to conduct music instruction at Avondale House in Houston, 06/15/26 - 08/31/26.

Bandera County Public Library

Application #: 77769605 Request: \$287 Award: \$287
Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Bandera Public Library in Bandera, 06/18/26 - 06/18/26.

Becoming A Better Bremond

Application #: 77770165 Request: \$1,500 Award: \$1,500
Artistic fee subsidy for Alex Meixner to perform at the Bremond Polish Festival in Bremond, 06/26/26 - 06/26/26.

Blanco Performing Arts

Application #: 77769949 Request: \$1,000 Award: \$1,000
Artistic fee subsidy for Mariachi Las Alteñas to perform at Uptown Blanco Courtyard in Blanco, 06/20/26 - 06/20/26.

Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Association

Application #: 77769960 Request: \$2,100 Award: \$2,100
Artistic fee subsidy for Zak Mirz to perform at Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre in New Braunfels, 08/01/26 - 08/01/26.

Brazosport Fine Arts Council

Application #: 77770134 Request: \$2,400 Award: \$2,250
Artistic fee subsidy for Blue Water Highway to perform at the Center for the Arts & Sciences in Clute, 08/28/26 - 08/28/26.

Bugle Boy Foundation

Application #: 77770164 Request: \$300 Award: \$300
Artistic fee subsidy for South Austin Moonlighters to perform at The Bugle Boy in La Grange, 08/28/26 - 08/28/26.

Bulverde Area Rural Library District

Application #: 77770153 Request: \$650 Award: \$650
Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Mammen Family Public Library in Bulverde, 07/08/26 - 07/08/26.

Chromosome 18 Registry and Research Society

Application #: 77769796 Request: \$425 Award: \$425
Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Westin San Antonio North in San Antonio, 07/13/26 - 07/13/26.

City of Bedford

Application #: 77770132 Request: \$250 Award: \$250
Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Generations Park at Boys Ranch in Bedford, 07/22/26 - 07/22/26.

City of Cedar Hill/Traphene Hickman Library

Application #: 77770216 Request: \$450 Award: \$450
Artistic fee subsidy for Mrs. Dipsworth to perform at Traphene Hickman Library in Cedar Hill, 06/25/26 - 06/25/26.

City of Elgin/Public Library

Application #: 77770032 Request: \$325 Award: \$325
Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Elgin Public Library in Elgin, 07/17/26 - 07/17/26.

City of Forest Hill/Library District

Application #: 77770186 Request: \$425 Award: \$425
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Forest Hill Library District in Forest Hill, 06/20/26 - 06/20/26.

City of Greenville/Public Library

Application #: 77769067 Request: \$475 Award: \$475
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at W. Walworth Harrison Public Library in Greenville, 06/23/26 - 06/23/26.

City of Hutto/Public Library

Application #: 77770063 Request: \$250 Award: \$250
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at Hutto Public Library in Hutto, 06/22/26 - 06/22/26.

City of Hutto/Public Library

Application #: 77770159 Request: \$375 Award: \$375
Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Hutto Public Library in Hutto, 07/23/26 - 07/23/26.

City of Hutto/Public Library

Application #: 77770222 Request: \$300 Award: \$300
Artistic fee subsidy for Indrajit Banerjee to perform at Hutto Public Library in Hutto, 06/15/26 - 06/15/26.

City of Jonestown/Community Library

Application #: 77770174 Request: \$247 Award: \$247
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Jonestown Community Library in Jonestown, 06/23/26 - 06/23/26.

City of Jonestown/Community Library

Application #: 77770182 Request: \$225 Award: \$225
Artistic fee subsidy for Sue Kuentz to perform at Jonestown Community Library in Jonestown, 07/07/26 - 07/07/26.

City of Jonestown/Community Library

Application #: 77770199 Request: \$421 Award: \$421
Artistic fee subsidy for Storybook Theatre of Texas to perform at Jonestown Community Library in Jonestown, 07/21/26 - 07/21/26.

City of Jonestown/Community Library

Application #: 77770225 Request: \$207 Award: \$207
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Jonestown Community Library in Jonestown, 07/14/26 - 07/14/26.

City of Lewisville/MCL Grand

Application #: 77769621 Request: \$1,400 Award: \$1,400
Artistic fee subsidy for The Peterson Brothers to perform at Wayne Ferguson Plaza in Lewisville, 06/19/26 - 06/19/26.

City of Livingston/Livingston Municipal Library

Application #: 77769953 Request: \$247 Award: \$247
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Livingston Municipal Library in Livingston, 06/26/26 - 06/26/26.

City of Livingston/Livingston Municipal Library

Application #: 77769955 Request: \$151 Award: \$151
Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to perform at Livingston Municipal Library in Livingston, 07/09/26 - 07/09/26.

City of Longview/Public Library

Application #: 77770154 Request: \$580 Award: \$580
Artistic fee subsidy for Sue Kuentz to perform at Pine Tree Elementary Auditorium in Longview, 06/24/26 - 06/24/26.

City of Longview/Public Library

Application #: 77770156 Request: \$500 Award: \$500
Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Pine Tree Elementary Auditorium in Longview, 07/01/26 - 07/01/26.

City of Madisonville

Application #: 77770232 Request: \$450 Award: \$450
Artistic fee subsidy for Donna Ingham to perform at Kimbro Center in Madisonville, 07/18/26 - 07/18/26.

City of McAllen/Public Library

Application #: 77770036 Request: \$902 Award: \$902
Artistic fee subsidy for Oba William King to perform at McAllen Public Library in McAllen, 06/27/26 - 06/27/26.

City of Quitaque/Caprock Public Library

Application #: 77769980 Request: \$350 Award: \$350
Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Caprock Public Library in Quitaque, 07/22/26 - 07/22/26.

City of Seguin/Public Library

Application #: 77770043 Request: \$382 Award: \$382
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at Seguin Public Library in Seguin, 07/09/26 - 07/09/26.

City of Seguin/Public Library

Application #: 77770152 Request: \$800 Award: \$800
Artistic fee subsidy for Kamica King to perform at Seguin Public Library in Seguin, 07/10/26 - 07/10/26.

City of Springtown

Application #: 77770147 Request: \$1,250 Award: \$1,250
Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Combo to perform at Springtown Park- Lillian Cartwright Pavillion in Springtown, 07/04/26 - 07/04/26.

City of Springtown

Application #: 77770148 Request: \$1,350 Award: \$1,350
Artistic fee subsidy for Carol Elliott to perform at Springtown Park- Lillian Cartwright Pavillion in Springtown, 07/04/26 - 07/04/26.

City of Springtown

Application #: 77770149 Request: \$1,500 Award: \$1,500
Artistic fee subsidy for South Austin Moonlighters to perform at Springtown Park- Lillian Cartwright Pavillion in Springtown, 07/04/26 - 07/04/26.

City of Stephenville/Public Library

Application #: 77768892 Request: \$250 Award: \$250
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at Stephenville Public Library in Stephenville, 06/25/26 - 06/25/26.

City of Terrell/Riter C. Hulse Public Library

Application #: 77770048 Request: \$350 Award: \$350
Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Riter C. Hulse Public Library in Terrell, 06/23/26 - 06/23/26.

City of Yoakum/Welhausen Library

Application #: 77769566 Request: \$575 Award: \$575
Artistic fee subsidy for the Magik Theatre to perform at the Grand Theater in Yoakum, 06/24/26 - 06/24/26.

Comanche County/Public Library

Application #: 77770245 Request: \$222 Award: \$222
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Comanche Public Library in Comanche, 07/14/26 - 07/14/26.

Cross Plains Public Library

Application #: 77769682 Request: \$445 Award: \$222
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Cross Plains Public Library in Cross Plains, 07/14/26 - 07/14/26.

Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion (dba)

Application #: 77770139 Request: \$8,000 Award: \$8,000
Artistic fee subsidy for Houston Symphony to perform at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in The Woodlands, 06/17/26 - 06/17/26.

De Leon City/Public Library

Application #: 77769702 Request: \$222 Award: \$222
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at De Leon City-County Library in De Leon, 07/14/26 - 07/14/26.

Decatur Library Foundation

Application #: 77770241 Request: \$350 Award: \$350
Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Decatur Public Library and Rann Elementary School in Decatur, 06/17/26 - 06/17/26.

Dickey Museum & Multipurpose Center

Application #: 77770135 Request: \$775 Award: \$775
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at the Boys & Girls Club of East Williamson County and Fannie Robinson Park in Taylor, 06/19/26 - 06/20/26.

Ector County Library

Application #: 77769834 Request: \$308 Award: \$308
Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 07/08/26 - 07/08/26.

Ector County Library

Application #: 77769835 Request: \$345 Award: \$345
Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 07/01/26 - 07/01/26.

Ector County Library

Application #: 77769973 Request: \$248 Award: \$247
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 07/29/26 - 07/29/26.

Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries

Application #: 77769830 Request: \$892 Award: \$892
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at libraries in Corpus Christi, 07/16/26 - 07/17/26.

Friends of Hillsboro City Library

Application #: 77769895 Request: \$362 Award: \$350
Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Historic City Hall in Hillsboro, 06/23/26 - 06/23/26.

Friends of Hillsboro City Library

Application #: 77769896 Request: \$375 Award: \$375
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Historic City Hall in Hillsboro, 06/25/26 - 06/25/26.

Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library

Application #: 77769996 Request: \$260 Award: \$260
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Pioneer Memorial Library in Fredericksburg, 07/01/26 - 07/01/26.

Friends of the Copperas Cove Library

Application #: 77768619 Request: \$950 Award: \$950
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at Copperas Cove Public Library in Copperas Cove, 07/16/26 - 07/16/26.

Friends of the Copperas Cove Library

Application #: 77768899 Request: \$537 Award: \$537
Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Copperas Cove Public Library in Copperas Cove, 06/25/26 - 06/25/26.

Friends of the Copperas Cove Library

Application #: 77769824 Request: \$350 Award: \$350
Artistic fee subsidy for Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian to perform at Copperas Cove Public Library in Copperas Cove, 07/08/26 - 07/08/26.

Friends of the Copperas Cove Library

Application #: 77770021 Request: \$250 Award: \$250
Artistic fee subsidy for Paul Finley to perform at Copperas Cove Public Library in Copperas Cove, 08/13/26 - 08/13/26.

Friends of the EHB Florence Public Library

Application #: 77770169 Request: \$330 Award: \$330
Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Florence Public Library in Florence, 06/24/26 - 06/24/26.

Friends of the Old Town Theatre

Application #: 77769673 Request: \$1,400 Award: \$1,400
Artistic fee subsidy for Two Tons of Steel to perform at Old Town Theatre in Huntsville, 07/25/26 - 07/25/26.

Friends of the Port Arthur Public Library

Application #: 77768900 Request: \$347 Award: \$347
Artistic fee subsidy for Yuck Show to perform at Port Arthur Public Library in Port Arthur, 06/30/26 - 06/30/26.

Friends of the Tasia Marie Silvas Memorial Scholarship

Application #: 77770024 Request: \$1,400 Award: \$1,400
Artistic fee subsidy for Mariachi Azteca de America - ¡Sigue La Tradicion! to perform at Coastal Bend College in Beeville, 07/19/26 - 07/19/26.

Grand Prairie Public Library

Application #: 77770078 Request: \$1,300 Award: \$1,300
Artistic fee subsidy for Storybook Theatre of Texas to perform at Warmack Library in Grand Prairie, 07/31/26 - 07/31/26.

Healing Fort Worth

Application #: 77770254 Request: \$3,000 Award: \$3,000
Artistic fee subsidy for Mrs. Dipsworth to provide eight performances in several Fort Worth and Forest Hill venues, 06/22/26 - 08/16/26.

Hondo Public Library/City of Hondo

Application #: 77770140 Request: \$237 Award: \$237
Artistic fee subsidy for Donna Ingham to perform at Hondo Public Library in Hondo, 07/09/26 - 07/09/26.

Houston Contemporary Dance Company

Application #: 77770203 Request: \$1,400 Award: \$1,400
Artistic fee subsidy for Open Dance Project to perform at Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston, 06/24/26 - 06/24/26.

Houston Contemporary Dance Company

Application #: 77770218 Request: \$1,400 Award: \$1,400
Artistic fee subsidy for Mezclada Dance Company to perform at Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston, 06/25/26 - 06/25/26.

HYPE Freedom School

Application #: 77770238 Request: \$1,350 Award: \$1,350
Artistic fee subsidy for Nia's Daughters Movement Collective to perform at The Higher Way Church in Houston, 07/22/26 - 07/23/26.

Katy Artreach

Application #: 77770236 Request: \$950 Award: \$760
Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to perform at four Harris County Public Library branches in Houston, Baytown, and Seabrook, 06/18/26 - 07/15/26.

La Rita Performing Arts Theater

Application #: 77770189 Request: \$5,303 Award: \$5,303
Artistic fee subsidy for The Grand Ol' Production Company to perform at La Rita Performing Arts Theatre in Dalhart, 06/26/26 - 06/26/26.

Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts

Application #: 77770224 Request: \$1,122 Award: \$1,122
Artistic fee subsidy for Storybook Theatre of Texas to perform at LHUCA Firehouse Theatre in Lubbock, 07/25/26 - 07/25/26.

LUV

Application #: 77770230 Request: \$4,596 Award: \$1,650
Artistic fee subsidy for Blue Water Highway to perform at Fort Hood Lone Star Convention Center in Killeen, 07/11/26 - 07/11/26.

Midland County/Public Libraries

Application #: 77770035 Request: \$532 Award: \$532
Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at two libraries in Midland, 07/07/26 - 07/07/26.

My Connect Community (dba)

Application #: 77770220 Request: \$1,450 Award: \$1,334
Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to lead theater classes at Connect Highstar in Houston, 06/29/26 - 08/31/26.

NC Roberts Memorial Library/City of Brenham

Application #: 77769983 Request: \$374 Award: \$374
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library in Brenham, 06/30/26 - 06/30/26.

Reagan County/Public Library

Application #: 77769831 Request: \$325 Award: \$325
Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Reagan County 4-H Center in Big Lake, 06/16/26 - 06/16/26.

Rockport Center for the Arts

Application #: 77769988 Request: \$1,250 Award: \$1,250
Artistic fee subsidy for Joe McDermott to perform at the Rockport Art Festival in Rockport, 07/04/26 - 07/05/26.

Saiva

Application #: 77770204 Request: \$200 Award: \$200
Artistic fee subsidy for Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian to perform at Sai Baba Temple in Cedar Park, 06/28/26 - 06/28/26.

San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts

Application #: 77770234 Request: \$800 Award: \$775
Artistic fee subsidy for Carol Elliott to perform at San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts in San Angelo, 07/19/26 - 07/19/26.

San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition

Application #: 77770249 Request: \$1,400 Award: \$1,400
Artistic fee subsidy for Yuck Show to perform at Brooks & Bates Theatre in San Angelo, 07/19/26 - 07/19/26.

San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition

Application #: 77770253 Request: \$634 Award: \$633
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Black Box Theatre in San Angelo, 08/01/26 - 08/01/26.

San Marcos Performing Arts Association

Application #: 77770002 Request: \$1,350 Award: \$1,350
Artistic fee subsidy for Two Tons of Steel to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 08/06/26 - 08/06/26.

San Marcos Performing Arts Association

Application #: 77770003 Request: \$1,250 Award: \$1,250
Artistic fee subsidy for Alex Meixner to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/02/26 - 07/02/26.

San Marcos Performing Arts Association

Application #: 77770004 Request: \$1,500 Award: \$1,500
Artistic fee subsidy for Del Castillo to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/23/26 - 07/23/26.

San Marcos Performing Arts Association

Application #: 77770030 Request: \$1,250 Award: \$1,250
Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Combo to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/02/26 - 07/02/26.

San Marcos Performing Arts Association

Application #: 77770031 Request: \$1,406 Award: \$1,406
Artistic fee subsidy for Blue Water Highway to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/16/26 - 07/16/26.

Seagoville Public Library/City of Seagoville

Application #: 77769997 Request: \$245 Award: \$245
Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Seagoville Public Library in Seagoville, 07/11/26 - 07/11/26.

Universal City Public Library

Application #: 77770000 Request: \$375 Award: \$375
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at Universal City Public Library in Universal City, 06/18/26 - 06/18/26.

Universal City Public Library

Application #: 77770039 Request: \$325 Award: \$325
Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Universal City Public Library in Universal City, 07/09/26 - 07/09/26.

Village of Salado

Application #: 77770256 Request: \$4,500 Award: \$4,500
Artistic fee subsidy for The Grand Ol' Production Company to perform at Pace Park in Salado, 07/04/26 - 07/04/26.

Voices of the Fire Council

Application #: 77770211 Request: \$500 Award: \$500
Artistic fee subsidy for Native American Cultural Center (Great Promise) to perform at Magnolia Community Center in Magnolia, 07/25/26 - 07/25/26.

Wells Branch Community Library District

Application #: 77769744 Request: \$375 Award: \$375
Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Wells Branch Community Library in Austin, 07/23/26 - 07/23/26.

Westbank Community Library District

Application #: 77770194 Request: \$337 Award: \$337
Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 06/18/26 - 06/18/26.

Westbank Community Library District

Application #: 77770196 Request: \$400 Award: \$400
Artistic fee subsidy for Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 07/17/26 - 07/17/26.

Westbank Community Library District

Application #: 77770201 Request: \$275 Award: \$275
Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kahura to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 07/30/26 - 07/30/26.

Wimberley Village Library District

Application #: 77769656 Request: \$375 Award: \$375
Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Wimberley Village Library in Wimberley, 06/24/26 - 06/24/26.

Wimberley Village Library District

Application #: 77769774 Request: \$325 Award: \$325
Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Wimberley Village Library in Wimberley, 07/22/26 - 07/22/26.

Wimberley Village Library District

Application #: 77769970 Request: \$210 Award: \$210
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Wimberley Village Library in Wimberley, 06/17/26 - 06/17/26.

Wimberley Village Library District

Application #: 77770242 Request: \$397 Award: \$397
Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Wimberley Village Library in Wimberley, 07/16/26 - 07/17/26.

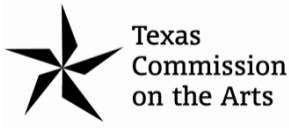
Winters Public Library

Application #: 77769866 Request: \$308 Award: \$308
Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Winters Public Library in Winters, 07/08/26 - 07/08/26.

Woodlands Children's Museum

Application #: 77769262 Request: \$742 Award: \$742
Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at The Woodlands Children's Museum in The Woodlands, 07/11/26 - 07/11/26.

Totals: \$102,529 \$93,413



AGENDA ITEM: XII

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION
INITIATIVES/DESIGNATED FUNDING GRANTS**

DISCUSSION: In accordance with TCA’s guidelines for distributing Commission Initiatives and Designated Funding grants, TCA staff is submitting recommendations to the Commission for its approval.

Included in this funding category are:

- A grant to provide recovery support to an arts organization that was broken into and vandalized on April 1, 2026 resulting in significant damage to the facility that anchors the Laredo Cultural District.
- Twenty-four grants to distribute Texas Women for the Arts grant dollars on behalf of the Texas Cultural Trust.

The following informational items are included:

- Budget for Commission Initiatives and Designated Funding Grants
- List of evaluators for Commission Initiatives and Designated Funding Grants
- Program Description
- Funding Recommendations for Commission Initiatives with Descriptions

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves the funding distributions for the fourth round of FY 2026 Commission Initiatives and Designated Funding grants as presented, with noted abstentions reflecting Commissioners’ conflicts of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Gibbs".

Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director

TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

COMMISSION INITIATIVES/DESIGNATED FUNDING
GRANTS BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME SOURCE	FY 2026
General Revenue*	\$ 132,488
State of the Arts License Plate	200,000
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*	160,000
Texas Cultural Trust Donation for Young Masters*	75,000
Canceled Grants from FY2026	6,600
Texas Cultural Trust/Texas Women for the Arts*	181,000
TOTAL	\$ 755,088

*Full or partially restricted funding source

EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM DETAIL	FY 2026	Year to Date	4 th Quarter
DESIGNATED FUNDING:			
Periwinkle Foundation**	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 0
Texas Folklife**	35,000	35,000	0
Texas Women for the Arts**	181,000	0	181,000
COMMISSION INITIATIVES:			
America 250 Anniversary	67,488	67,488	0
Disaster Relief	6,600	0	6,600
Mid-America Arts Alliance + Texas Artist Inc.	40,000	40,000	0
National & Regional Conferences/Trainings	15,000	0	0
Other Initiatives (Convenings, Disaster Relief)	185,000	25,000	0
Poetry Out Loud	25,000	25,000	0
Rural Outreach Initiative	50,000	50,000	0
Young Masters	75,000	75,000	0
TOTAL	\$ 755,088	\$ 392,488	\$ 187,600
REMAINING BUDGET	\$ 175,000		

**Designated Funding

Designated Funding/Commission Initiatives
LIST OF EVALUATORS WITH DECLARED CONFLICTS
 Fiscal Year 2026

EVALUATOR	CONFLICT
Chris Aucoin Development Director Grand 1894 Opera House Galveston, TX	Grand 1894 Opera House
Jennifer Buell Grants & Data Manager Tobin Center for the Performing Arts San Antonio, TX	Ballet San Antonio Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
Cheryl Fisher Executive Director Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Association New Braunfels, TX	Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Association
Yukio Kuniyuki III Executive Director San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition San Angelo, TX	Fort Concho National Historic Monument San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition
Angela Peña Communications and Development Director Friends of the Levitt Pavilion - Arlington Arlington, TX	Friends of the Levitt Pavilion - Arlington

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
 Designated Funding/Commission Initiatives

This program is for designated dollars received from an external funder for specified purposes. From time to time, the Commission may designate funds for agency initiatives. Generally, these grants are non-competitive.

Grant Type: Quarterly

Application Limit: Application by invitation only

Request Limit: To be determined on case-by-case basis

Match Requirement: To be determined on case-by-case basis

Quarterly Grants Subject to Commission Approval

Eligibility: Nonprofits, schools, colleges, individuals, unincorporated/for-profit groups, and units of government

Texas Commission on the Arts
COMMISSION INITIATIVES/DESIGNATED FUNDING

Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Recommended Awards

The following recommendations have been approved by a majority of the evaluators.

ORGANIZATION	REQUEST	AWARD
Laredo Center for the Arts		
Application #: 77770289	Request: \$24,600	Award: \$6,600
To provide recovery support to an arts organization that was broken into and vandalized on April 1, 2026 resulting in significant damage to the facility that anchors the Laredo Cultural District.		
Art Center of Corpus Christi		
Application #: 77770081	Request: \$7,000	Award: \$7,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		
Austin Symphony Orchestra Society		
Application #: 77770082	Request: \$5,000	Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		
Austin Theatre Alliance		
Application #: 77770083	Request: \$7,000	Award: \$7,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		
Ballet San Antonio		
Application #: 77770084	Request: \$10,000	Award: \$10,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		
Casa Manana		
Application #: 77770085	Request: \$15,000	Award: \$15,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		
Center for Women & Their Work		
Application #: 77770086	Request: \$9,500	Award: \$9,500
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		
Creative Kids		
Application #: 77770087	Request: \$20,000	Award: \$20,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.		

Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District

Application #: 77770088 Request: \$9,500 Award: \$9,500
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Hope Stone

Application #: 77770090 Request: \$7,000 Award: \$7,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Jazz Houston

Application #: 77770091 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Kids Excel El Paso

Application #: 77770092 Request: \$15,000 Award: \$15,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Majestic Empire Foundation (dba)

Application #: 77770094 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Marfa Live Arts (formerly Marfa Theatre)

Application #: 77770095 Request: \$7,000 Award: \$7,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

North Texas Performing Arts

Application #: 77770096 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities

Application #: 77770097 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Open Dance Project

Application #: 77770098 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Raps and Apps

Application #: 77770107 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Southern Methodist University

Application #: 77770111 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

The Hobby Center Foundation

Application #: 77770089 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Tyler Junior College Foundation

Application #: 77770106 Request: \$7,000 Award: \$7,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

University of Texas Foundation

Application #: 77770108 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Van Cliburn Foundation

Application #: 77770100 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Victoria Ballet Theatre

Application #: 77770101 Request: \$5,000 Award: \$5,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Zachary Scott Theatre Center

Application #: 77770102 Request: \$7,000 Award: \$7,000
To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Totals: \$205,600 \$187,600

Texas Commission on the Arts
RECOMMENDED AWARDS BY CITY - 4th QUARTER

Fiscal Year 2026 (September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026)

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
Abilene				
	77770040	Abilene Cultural Affairs Council	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$227
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$227
Andrews				
	77770192	Andrews County Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
	77770133	Andrews County Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$346
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$721
Angleton				
	77770252	Actions of Brazoria County	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$4,000
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$4,000
Austin				
	77770244	Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$300
	77770255	Andy Roddick Foundation (dba)	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$700
	77770082	Austin Symphony Orchestra Society	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
	77770083	Austin Theatre Alliance	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$7,000
	77769023	Austin Theatre Alliance	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$325
	77770086	Center for Women & Their Work	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$9,500
	77770204	Saiva	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$200
	77770108	University of Texas Foundation	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
	77769744	Wells Branch Community Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
	77770196	Westbank Community Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$400
	77770194	Westbank Community Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$337
	77770201	Westbank Community Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$275
	77770102	Zachary Scott Theatre Center	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$7,000
13 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$36,412
Bandera				
	77769605	Bandera County Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$287

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$287
Bedford				
77770132	City of Bedford		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$250
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$250
Beeville				
77770024	Friends of the Tasia Marie Silvas Memorial		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,400
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,400
Big Lake				
77769831	Reagan County/Public Library		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$325
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$325
Blanco				
77769949	Blanco Performing Arts		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,000
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,000
Bremond				
77770165	Becoming A Better Bremond		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,500
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,500
Brenham				
77769983	NC Roberts Memorial Library/City of Brenha		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$374
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$374
Bulverde				
77770153	Bulverde Area Rural Library District		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$650
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$650
Cedar Hill				
77770216	City of Cedar Hill/Traphene Hickman Library		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$450
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$450
Clute				
77770134	Brazosport Fine Arts Council		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$2,250
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$2,250
Comanche				
77770245	Comanche County/Public Library		Arts Respond Performance Support	\$222

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$222
Copperas Cove				
	77768619	Friends of the Copperas Cove Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$950
	77768899	Friends of the Copperas Cove Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$537
	77769824	Friends of the Copperas Cove Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$350
	77770021	Friends of the Copperas Cove Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$250
4 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$2,087
Corpus Christi				
	77770081	Art Center of Corpus Christi	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$7,000
	77769830	Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$892
	77770107	Raps and Apps	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
3 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$12,892
Cross Plains				
	77769682	Cross Plains Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$222
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$222
Dalhart				
	77770189	La Rita Performing Arts Theater	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$5,303
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$5,303
Dallas				
	77770111	Southern Methodist University	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$5,000
De Leon				
	77769702	De Leon City/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$222
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$222
Decatur				
	77770241	Decatur Library Foundation	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$350
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$350
El Paso				
	77770087	Creative Kids	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$20,000
	77770092	Kids Excel El Paso	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$15,000
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$35,000

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
Elgin				
	77770032	City of Elgin/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$325
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$325
Fayetteville				
	77770231	Arts for Rural Texas (dba)	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,296
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$1,296
Florence				
	77770169	Friends of the EHB Florence Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$330
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$330
Forest Hill				
	77770186	City of Forest Hill/Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$425
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$425
Fort Worth				
	77770085	Casa Manana	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$15,000
	77770254	Healing Fort Worth	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$3,000
	77770100	Van Cliburn Foundation	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
	3 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$23,000
Fredericksburg				
	77769996	Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$260
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$260
Grand Prairie				
	77770078	Grand Prairie Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,300
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$1,300
Greenville				
	77769067	City of Greenville/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$475
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$475
Hillsboro				
	77769896	Friends of Hillsboro City Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
	77769895	Friends of Hillsboro City Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$350
	2 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$725
Hondo				

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
	77770140	Hondo Public Library/City of Hondo	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$237
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$237
Houston				
	77770251	Anderson Center for the Arts	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$750
	77770237	Avondale House	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$673
	77770088	Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$9,500
	77770090	Hope Stone	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$7,000
	77770203	Houston Contemporary Dance Company	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,400
	77770218	Houston Contemporary Dance Company	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,400
	77770091	Jazz Houston	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
	77770220	My Connect Community (dba)	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,334
	77770098	Open Dance Project	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
	77770089	The Hobby Center Foundation	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
10 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$37,057
Huntsville				
	77769673	Friends of the Old Town Theatre	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,400
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,400
Hutto				
	77770159	City of Hutto/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
	77770222	City of Hutto/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$300
	77770063	City of Hutto/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$250
3 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$925
Jonestown				
	77770199	City of Jonestown/Community Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$421
	77770174	City of Jonestown/Community Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$247
	77770182	City of Jonestown/Community Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$225
	77770225	City of Jonestown/Community Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$207
4 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,100
Katy				
	77770236	Katy Artreach	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$760
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$760
La Grange				

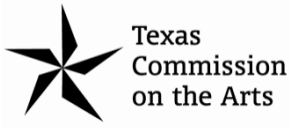
CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
	77770164	Bugle Boy Foundation	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$300
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$300
Laredo				
	77770289	Laredo Center for the Arts	Commission Initiative - Crime Recovery Support	\$6,600
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$6,600
Lewisville				
	77769621	City of Lewisville/MCL Grand	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,400
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$1,400
Livingston				
	77769953	City of Livingston/Livingston Municipal Libra	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$247
	77769955	City of Livingston/Livingston Municipal Libra	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$151
	2 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$398
Longview				
	77770154	City of Longview/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$580
	77770156	City of Longview/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$500
	2 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$1,080
Lubbock				
	77770224	Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the A	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,122
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$1,122
Madisonville				
	77770232	City of Madisonville	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$450
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$450
Magnolia				
	77770211	Voices of the Fire Council	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$500
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$500
Marfa				
	77770095	Marfa Live Arts (formerly Marfa Theatre)	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$7,000
	1 Grant(s)		Total Funds:	\$7,000
McAllen				
	77770036	City of McAllen/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$902

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$902
Midland				
77770035		Midland County/Public Libraries	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$532
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$532
New Braunfels				
77769960		Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Associati	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$2,100
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$2,100
Odessa				
77769835		Ector County Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$345
77769834		Ector County Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$308
77769973		Ector County Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$247
77770097		Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
4 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$5,900
Pearland				
77770238		HYPE Freedom School	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,350
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,350
Pflugerville				
77770230		LUV	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,650
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,650
Plano				
77770096		North Texas Performing Arts	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$5,000
Port Arthur				
77768900		Friends of the Port Arthur Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$347
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$347
Quitaque				
77769980		City of Quitaque/Caprock Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$350
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$350
Rockport				
77770131		Aransas County/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$500
77769988		Rockport Center for the Arts	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,250

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,750
Salado				
	77770256	Village of Salado	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$4,500
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$4,500
San Angelo				
	77770234	San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$775
	77770249	San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,400
	77770253	San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$633
3 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$2,808
San Antonio				
	77770084	Ballet San Antonio	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$10,000
	77769796	Chromosome 18 Registry and Research So	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$425
	77770094	Majestic Empire Foundation (dba)	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
3 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$15,425
San Marcos				
	77770004	San Marcos Performing Arts Association	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,500
	77770031	San Marcos Performing Arts Association	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,406
	77770002	San Marcos Performing Arts Association	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,350
	77770030	San Marcos Performing Arts Association	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,250
	77770003	San Marcos Performing Arts Association	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,250
5 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$6,756
Seagoville				
	77769997	Seagoville Public Library/City of Seagoville	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$245
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$245
Seguin				
	77770152	City of Seguin/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$800
	77770043	City of Seguin/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$382
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,182
Springtown				
	77770149	City of Springtown	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,500
	77770148	City of Springtown	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,350

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
	77770147	City of Springtown	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,250
3 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$4,100
Stephenville				
	77768892	City of Stephenville/Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$250
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$250
Taylor				
	77769975	American Legion Post 0039	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,500
	77770135	Dickey Museum & Multipurpose Center	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$775
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$2,275
Terrell				
	77770048	City of Terrell/Riter C. Hulseley Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$350
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$350
The Woodlands				
	77770139	Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion (dba)	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$8,000
	77769262	Woodlands Children's Museum	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$742
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$8,742
Tyler				
	77770106	Tyler Junior College Foundation	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$7,000
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$7,000
Universal City				
	77770000	Universal City Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
	77770039	Universal City Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$325
2 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$700
Victoria				
	77770101	Victoria Ballet Theatre	Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$5,000
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$5,000
Wimberley				
	77770242	Wimberley Village Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$397
	77769656	Wimberley Village Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
	77769774	Wimberley Village Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$325
	77769970	Wimberley Village Library District	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$210

CITY	APP #	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
4 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$1,307
Winters				
	77769866	Winters Public Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$308
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$308
Yoakum				
	77769566	City of Yoakum/Welhausen Library	Arts Respond Performance Support	\$575
1 Grant(s)			Total Funds:	\$575
Total Cities: 74			Total Awarded:	\$281,013



AGENDA ITEM: XIII

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
APPROVAL OF EVALUATORS FOR GRANT REVIEW

DISCUSSION: Nominations for grant evaluators are accepted throughout the year. Nomination forms are found on the agency website and are available to anyone. Nominations are encouraged from Commissioners, past panelists, artists, and arts organizations. Evaluators volunteer their time and expertise to review applications submitted to the Commission. Their feedback is used by agency staff to make recommendations for the Commission.

Included in this group are panelists to evaluate applications to the following programs:

- Arts Respond Performance Support & Commission Initiatives/Designated Funding
- Arts Respond Projects in the five priority areas

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission adopts the slate of grant evaluators as presented and that TCA staff be instructed to recruit individuals to serve as necessary in order to fill any vacancies.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director

**Proposed Evaluators for
Arts Respond Performance Support & Commission Initiative/Designated Funding
Fiscal Year 2027**

Name	City	Organization	Title
Chris Aucoin	Galveston	Grand 1894 Opera House	Development Director
Jennifer Buell	San Antonio	Tobin Center for the Performing Arts	Grants & Data Manager
Cheryl Fisher	New Braunfels	Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre Association	Executive Director
Yukio Kuniyuki III	San Angelo	San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition	Executive Director
Angela Pena	Arlington	Friends of the Levitt Pavilion - Arlington	Communications and Development Director

**Proposed Evaluators for
Arts Respond Projects
Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

Name	City	Organization	Title
Economic Development			
Cesar Alejandro	El Paso	Binational Independent Film Festival	Executive Director
Willie Alston	Houston	Positive Project	Executive Artistic Director
Lyanne Alvarado	Houston	Houston Grand Opera Association	Philanthropy Officer of Corporate Partnerships
Beth Beck	McKinney	Millhouse Foundation	Executive Director
Dedra Brent	Dallas	Beckles Dancing Company	Managing Director
Chloe Bruns	Houston	Mercury Chamber Orchestra	Development Manager
Zahrah Butler	Houston	Texas Southern University - University Museum	Museum Registrar
Hari Dayal	Galveston	Society for Indo-American Arts	Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director
Adrian De Anda	McAllen	International Museum of Art and Science	Operations and Finance Director
Jamison Driskill	Lubbock	Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts	Development Director
Harry Eaddy	Denton	Denton Black Film Festival Institute	Executive Director
Eric Evans	Brownwood	Lyric Performing Arts Company	Managing Director
Annette Farmer	Temple	Cultural Activities Center	Executive Director
Malinda Galindo	Marfa	Chinati Foundation	Director of Development
Jose Gaona	Houston	Houston Ballet Foundation	Assistant Director of Institutional Giving
Brett Hall	Conroe	Conroe Art League	President
Geoffrey Herd	Austin	ATX Chamber Music and Jazz	Chief Executive Officer, Co-Artistic Director
Jason Irle	Seguin	Mid-Texas Symphony	Executive Director
Saleena Jafry	Houston	Asia Society Texas Center	Vice President of Development
Nathan Jerkins	Round Rock	Penfold Theatre Company	Associate Artistic Director
Maica Jordan	Austin	Austin Theatre Alliance	Chief Development Officer
Andrew Lee	Austin	Lunar Foundation	Board President, Co-Chair
Stephanie Macias	Austin	American Short Fiction	Managing Director
Randee Ramsey	Houston	Southwest Alternate Media Project	Executive Director
Aurel Retamozo	Conroe	Young Texas Artists	Program and Operations Director
Danyel Rogers	Abilene	National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature	Community Relations and Donor Relations Director
Jacob Schafer	Houston	Loop38	Co-Leader
Drew Silverman	Austin	KDH Dance Company	Executive Director
Emie Stewart	Fort Worth	Fort Worth Chorale	Director, Grants
Victoria Villareal	Corpus Christi	Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District	Finance and Administration Manager

**Proposed Evaluators for
Arts Respond Projects
Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

Name	City	Organization	Title
Education			
Ann Alexander	Dallas	USA Film Festival	Managing Director
Yolanda Avery	Beaumont	Avery Careers	Owner
Erik Baray	El Paso	Kids Excel El Paso	Interim Executive Director
Karol Ann Batey	Laredo	Artistic Director	Laredo Theater Guild International
Carl Bradtmiller	San Antonio	Briscoe Western Art Museum	Grants and Data Specialist
Pei-San Brown	Austin	Ballet Austin	Director of Education
Hermes Camacho	Austin	Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts	Deputy Director
Miguel Cantu	Dallas	American Baroque Opera Company	Executive Director
Sarah Chong Dickey	Austin	Austin Playhouse	Education and Community Engagement Manager
John Dodd	Kilgore	Texas Shakespeare Festival - Kilgore College	Managing Director
Joshua Friedman	Austin	Austin Classical Guitar Society	Grants Manager
Thomas Gardin	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture	Program Coordinator
Laura Garza	San Antonio	Teatro Audaz San Antonio	Executive Artistic Director
Daniel Gordon	Houston	Gordon Education Initiatives for the Performing Arts	Executive Director
Brent Hasty	Austin	MindPOP	Executive Director
Mary Johnson	Houston	Imagine the Impossible Learning and Training Dance Center	President and Founder
Octavia Mason	Dallas	Dallas Theater Center	Institutional Giving Officer
Kathryn Mitchell	Abilene	Grace Museum	Director of Education
Nicole Moraw	Katy	Katy Artreach	Executive Director
Michael Nelson	El Paso	Fab Lab El Paso	Director of Operations
Tina Parker	Dallas	Kitchen Dog Theater	Co-Artistic Director and Company Manager
Luisa Fernanda Perez	Austin	Mexic-Arte Museum	Curator of Exhibitions and Director of Programs
Jerrod Price	San Antonio	Youth Orchestras of San Antonio	Executive Director
Michael Quantz	Brownsville	Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts	President
Chris Rodriguez	Balcones Heights	Woodlawn Theatre	Executive & Artistic Director
Kellie Rooks	Galveston	Galveston Arts Center	Director of Education
Brian Shelton	Corpus Christi	Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University at Corpus Christi	Director of Instrumental Ensembles, Professor of Music
Todd Toney	Dallas	Dallas Wind Symphony	Director of Education
Gabriela Beaza Ventura	Houston	University of Houston - Arte Publico Press	Director
Cale Peterson Watkins	Dallas	Nasher Sculpture Center	Senior Manager of Institution Giving

**Proposed Evaluators for
Arts Respond Projects
Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

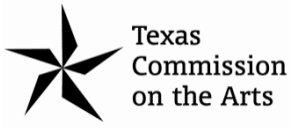
Name	City	Organization	Title
Health and Human Services			
Joe Anderson	Austin	Texas Health Action	Director of Community Health
Myciah Arellano	San Antonio	Project Insight	Founder, President
Janice Ballard	Fredericksburg	Texas Heritage Music Foundation	Board of Directors – Secretary, Treasurer
Sheetal Bedi	Houston	Indo American Association	Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
Michael Brundy	Denton	Tejas Storytelling Association	President
Evynne Caffey	Abilene	Center for Contemporary Arts	ArtReach Coordinator
Sara Cardona	Dallas	Teatro Dallas	Development Director
Alberto Careaga	Houston	Art League of Houston	Director of Education
Ed Conroy	San Antonio	University of Texas at San Antonio	Special Assistant for Development Initiatives
Baldomero Cuellar	Austin	Rancho Alegre Radio	Executive Director
Chris Denney	Dallas	Dallas Chamber Symphony	Development Director
Helen Duncum	Lubbock	Ballet Lubbock	Executive Director
Xandra Eden	Houston	DiverseWorks	Executive Director
Kim Flor	Austin	Art Spark Texas	Public Events and Community Engagement Director
Elijah Alhadji Gibson	Houston	Social Movement Contemporary Dance Theater	Artistic Director, Founder
Jonathan Godfrey	Houston	Prelude Music Foundation	Executive Director
Gayle Halperin	Dallas	Bruce Wood Dance Company	Executive Director
Donovan Jones	Austin	Austin Gay Men's Chorus	Executive Director
Mark Lombard	Dallas	For Love & Art	Founder, Past President
Steven Morris	Arlington	Theatre Arlington	Executive Producer
Jessica Nero	Austin	Blue Lapis Light	Executive Director
Jill Reason	Houston	Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre	Executive Director
Steve Reily	Austin	Zachary Scott Theatre Center	Grants Manager
Nina Shaw	Austin	Leap of Joy	Executive Director
Michelle Smythe	Corpus Christi	K Space Contemporary	Executive Director
Felipa Solis	El Paso	El Paso Pro-Musica	Executive Director
Robert Trevino	San Antonio	Network for Young Artists	Executive Director
Mark Valenzuela	Dallas	Dallas Symphony Association	Manager of Prospect Research and Foundations
Lisa Cortez Walden	San Antonio	Say Si	Development Manager
Sabine Z. Widen	San Antonio	Jump-Start Performance Company	Grant Writer

**Proposed Evaluators for
Arts Respond Projects
Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

Name	City	Organization	Title
Natural Resources and Agriculture			
Khristian Mendez Aguirre	Austin	Teatro de la Tierra	Artistic Director
Itzel Barraza	El Paso	Mexican American Cultural Center/City of El Paso	Community Engagement and Outreach Manager
Britney Bass	Marfa	Ballroom Marfa	Chief Financial Officer
Juan Zavalo Castro	San Antonio	Contemporary at Blue Star	Public Programs Manager
John Cecil	Austin	Texas Comedies	Director
Sarah Corpron	Austin	Museum of Human Achievement	Grants and Development Manager
Nicole DeGuzman	Spring	Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts	Executive Director
Iverson Eliopoulos	Round Top	James Dick Foundation for the Performing Arts	Program Director
Max Fields	Austin	University of Texas at Austin - Visual Arts Center	Director
Osunbunmi Gaidi	Houston	Sanskriti	Executive Director
Dinora Harris	Marshall	Michelson Museum of Art	Executive Director
Alison Heinemeier	Kingsbury	Habitable Spaces	Founding Director
Anne Pitts Marozas	Marfa	Marfa Public Radio	Executive Director
David McMichael	Austin	Hyperreal Film Club	Co-Founder and Principal Officer
Steven Parker	Austin	Collide	Artistic Director
Chris Reyman	El Paso	University of Texas at El Paso	Associate Professor of Music
Shawn Sides	Austin	Rude Mechanicals	Co-Producing Artistic Director
Gricelda Silva	Austin	Glass Half Full Theatre	Co-Producing Artistic Director
Rebecca Stoian	Wimberley	Emilyann Theatre	Development Director
Ramon Vasquez	San Antonio	American Indians in Texas - Spanish Colonial Missions	Executive Director

**Proposed Evaluators for
Arts Respond Projects
Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

Name	City	Organization	Title
Public Safety and Criminal Justice			
Glenn Ballard	Tyler	Young Audiences of Northeast Texas	Executive Director
Josh Bonillas	San Antonio	Youth Orchestras of San Antonio	Development Manager
Christina Casella	San Antonio	Public Theater of San Antonio	Managing Director
Carolyn Cortez	Nacogdoches	Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative	Executive Director
Rosaura Cruz	Dallas	Junior Players	Executive Director
Shelancia Daniel	Kingwood	Kids Creativity Shell	Director
Yvonne De La Rosa	Seguin	Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin	Executive Director
Danielle Demetria East	Lubbock	East Lubbock Art House	Founder and Executive Director
Cesar Franquiz	Houston	Houston Youth Symphony	Development Manager
Jorge Garza	Houston	Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus	Executive Director
Andrea Gates-Ingle	El Paso	Creative Kids	Executive Director, Co-Founder
William Giron	Fort Worth	Artes de la Rosa	Executive Director
Belen Gutierrez	San Juan	ToGive International	Program Manager
Leah Hanson	Dallas	Dallas Museum of Art	Director of Family, Youth, and School Programs
Phil Ketcham	Tyler	East Texas Youth Orchestra	Executive Director
Valerie Kocel	Robinson	Real Theatre Company Waco	Company Director, Operations Manager
Valentine Liberatore	Fort Worth	Texas Ballet Theater	Institutional Giving Manager
David Lozano	Dallas	Cara Mia Theatre	Executive Artistic Director
Chad Matthews	Fort Worth	Lone Star Film Society	Executive Director
Ana Maria Maynard	Austin	Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance	Executive Director
Jack McBride	Houston	Arts Connect Houston	Executive Director
Gregory Patterson	Plano	Plano Symphony Orchestra	President, Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Powell	Houston	Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	Senior Development Officer
Sarah Brown Rankin	Houston	Da Camera of Houston	Director of Institutional Giving
Cuauhtli Reyna	San Antonio	San Anto Cultural Arts	Executive Director
Adam Sahli	Midland	Midland Community Theatre	Managing Artistic Director
William Smialek	Tyler	East Texas Youth Orchestra	Director of Development and Education
Annie Stanley	Odessa	Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin	Educator
Matthew Teodori	Austin	Line Upon Line Percussion	Executive Director
Jeremy Wells	Corpus Christi	Raps and Apps	Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: XIV

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

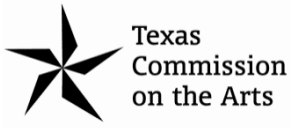
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**UPDATE ON THE CULTURAL DISTRICTS
DESIGNATION PROGRAM**

Staff will give a verbal report at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: XV

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
APPROVAL OF THE 2027 - 2031 STRATEGIC PLAN

DISCUSSION: Dr. Gibbs will review the 2027 - 2031 Strategic Plan with Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves the 2027 - 2031 Strategic Plan as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Texas Commission on the Arts Strategic Plan 2027-2031

Mission

The mission of the Texas Commission on the Arts is to advance our state economically and culturally by investing in a creative Texas. TCA supports a diverse and innovative arts community in Texas, throughout the nation and internationally by providing resources to enhance economic development, arts education, cultural tourism and artist sustainability initiatives. TCA was created by the Texas Legislature in 1965, and operates under the statutory authority of V.T.C.A., Government Code Chapter 444.

Core Values

The Commission is guided by the following core values:

- **Accountability** for public investment
- **Efficiency** in the delivery of core functions and services
- **Effective and accessible programs** available to the diverse population and geography of Texas
- **Excellent customer service** for all constituents
- **Transparency** in all agency operations

Goals:

1. Building the economy and creative industries
2. Enhancing education through arts and culture
3. Growing cultural tourism opportunities
4. Advancing leadership in arts and culture in the state and nation

Goal 1: Building the Economy and Creative Industries

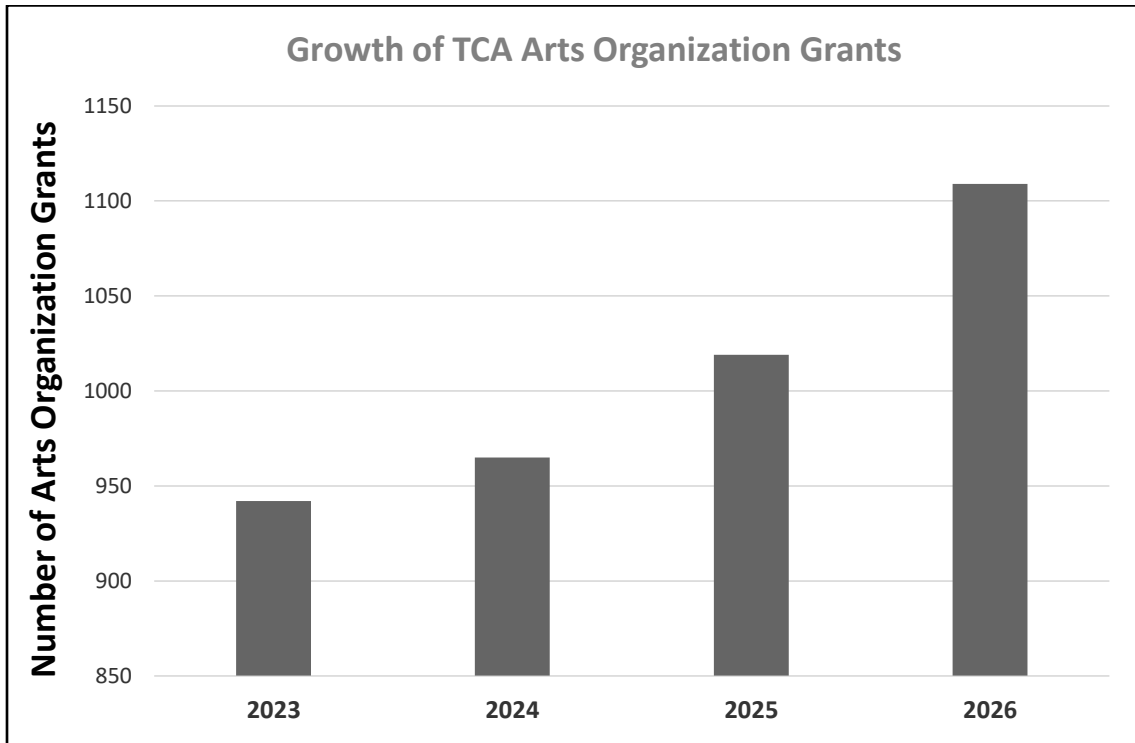
TCA will award grants in approximately 200 cities annually for production, performance, exhibition, touring and administration. The grants will be given to not-for-profit organizations and individual artists throughout the state to develop a receptive climate for the arts.

- 1.1 **Arts Create** provides operational support grants to approximately 500 established arts organizations annually to advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the nonprofit arts industry of the state.
- 1.2 **Arts Respond** provides project support through approximately 600 grants to arts organizations annually to advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the not-for-profit arts industry of the state. These projects must address one of five priority issues that include:
 - 1.2A **Economic Development** projects focus on job growth or cultural tourism. These grants will serve approximately two million individuals annually.
 - 1.2B **Health and Human Services** projects focus on health-related topics, serve specific populations, or occur in a health care or human service setting. These grants will serve approximately 100,000 individuals annually. TCA supports the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs program titled Creative Forces. TCA Health and Human Services projects will be used to meet the special needs of military patients and veterans diagnosed with traumatic brain injury and psychological health conditions as well as their families and caregivers. Projects will include artists working with military service members and veterans using arts therapy and will focus on assisting these individuals to return to their homes, their missions and their families.
 - 1.2C **Public Safety and Criminal Justice** projects focus on long-term work with at-risk youth or incarcerated populations and will serve approximately 80,000 individuals annually.
 - 1.2D **Natural Resources and Agriculture** projects occur in rural counties (populations of 50,000 or fewer) or focus on natural resources and will serve approximately 100,000 individuals annually.
- 1.3 **Arts Respond Performance Support** annually provides over 500 grants for professional artist fees to not-for-profit organizations and units of government for hiring artists from TCA's Texas Touring Roster to do a performance.
- 1.4 **Designated Funding/Commission Initiatives** provides grants from designated dollars received from an external funder for specified purposes or dollars designated by the Commission for agency initiatives. During an average year,

- approximately 60 grants are provided through this program.
- 1.5 Through all of its grant programs, the **TCA consistently reaches underserved populations**. These underserved populations include seniors, at-risk youth, those in geographically-isolated areas, and economically-disadvantaged people. Examples of how these populations are served include:
 - 1.5A **Grants to rural Texas** for activities in counties with populations of fewer than 50,000. TCA has a goal of providing 6% of agency grant funds to rural grant recipients. Currently, 3% of TCA grants go to rural constituents.
 - 1.5B Additionally, the **Rural Initiative** has a focus on providing free performances at rural (counties with populations of fewer than 50,000) libraries, schools and nonprofit organizations. Annually, artists on the Texas Touring Roster are paid a fee to provide approximately 50 free performances in rural areas. This outreach program expands the visibility of TCA and Texas artists. Staff follows up and reviews TCA grant opportunities with rural entities.
 - 1.6 **Touring Roster Inclusion** ensures that every Texas community has access to high quality arts programming at an affordable price by maintaining the adjudicated Texas Touring Roster of approximately 180 Texas-based touring companies and artists.
 - 1.7 The **Texas State Artists** nomination process is managed by TCA, and includes a call for nominations, review of the nominees and development of a list of finalists for Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, State Classical Musician, and State Visual Artists for final selection by the State Artist Committee.
 - 1.8 **All grant applications are evaluated** utilizing peer panel review by experts who base their evaluation on three criteria areas: artistic quality, capability and impact. On average, 280 evaluators donate their time and expertise annually to the agency.
 - 1.9 **TCA performs desk audits on 100% of grant recipients**. The agency uses a risk assessment to select grantees for fiscal monitoring visits. Highest-risk grantees are selected for fiscal monitoring site visits.

In support of statewide objectives:

- The agency strives for operational transparency and efficiency in all grant making activity.
- TCA works diligently to meet all legal requirements in an effective and efficient manner.
- The use of technology allows the agency to connect with a large audience in a low-cost, yet highly effective manner.
- The agency has structured its grants guidelines and categories to ensure maximum accountability of the state's investment.
- Providing customized guidelines, online technical assistance, grant-writing tips, and electronic grant submission has resulted in significant cost savings to the agency and a higher quality of customer service to constituents.
- The agency receives, processes, pays, evaluates, and monitors approximately 3,500 grants each fiscal year.
- In an effort to be more transparent, TCA provides an online search tool for viewing grants issued by the agency, so the public can search grants by organization, city, or Texas region and read a description of the funded activity.



Arts Organization grants provide Texas-based nonprofit arts organizations with multiyear general operating support and project grants aligned with the State’s priorities of Economic Development, Education, Health & Human Services, Natural Resources & Agriculture, and Public Safety & Criminal Justice. This investment allows arts organizations to focus on their mission and respond to the needs in their communities.

Recently, the agency has seen almost an 18% increase in demand for these grants.

Goal 2: Enhancing Education through Arts and Culture

Approximately 15% of the grant applications TCA will award are for arts education activities and those funded programs will serve an estimated one million individuals across the state annually. Grants are awarded to schools and not-for-profit organizations throughout the state for K-12 arts education programs. All TCA grants for arts education are tied to the Texas Education Agency TEKS curriculum standards.

- 2.1 Arts Create for Educational Organizations** provides annual operational support grants to approximately 12 established arts organizations that have a primary focus on arts education and advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the not-for-profit arts industry of the state.
- 2.2 Arts Respond** provides project support through approximately 600 grants to arts organizations annually to advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the not-for-profit arts industry. These projects must address one of five priority issues that include:
 - 2.2A Education projects** annually provide approximately 150 grants to use the arts to promote innovations in K-12 education. These projects impact students in a school setting or during the school day.
- 2.3 Arts Respond Performance Support** annually provides over 500 grants for professional artist fees to not-for-profit organizations and units of government for hiring artists from TCA's Texas Touring Roster to do a performance. Approximately 250 of these grants are given to schools, libraries, and parent/teacher organizations for performances in educational settings.
- 2.4 Designated Funding/Commission Initiatives** provides approximately 25 grants annually for arts education programs to organizations with designated dollars received from an external funder or dollars designated by the Commission for agency arts education initiatives.
- 2.5 Young Masters** grants are awarded to 15 individual students annually to assist talented young artists in grades 8 through 11 to further their studies in their chosen discipline area.
- 2.6 All arts education grant applications are evaluated** utilizing the peer panel review described in point 1.8.
- 2.7 TCA performs desk audits on 100% of grant recipients.** The agency uses a risk assessment to select grantees for fiscal monitoring visits. Highest risk grantees are selected for onsite fiscal site monitoring visits.
- 2.8 Poetry Out Loud** is a state recitation competition facilitated by TCA that is part of a national program funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. TCA produces the statewide Poetry Out Loud competition of

winner from Texas high schools. The state winner then competes in the national competition. The program provides scholarships to winning students and cash to purchase poetry books to winners' school libraries.

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Goal 3: Growing Cultural Tourism Opportunities

TCA will provide cultural tourism grants to approximately 200 organizations to promote arts and cultural events in Texas that attract visitors. Cultural tourism grants are intended for activities aimed at attracting visitors, generating revenue, and building audiences for Texas-based arts organizations and events.

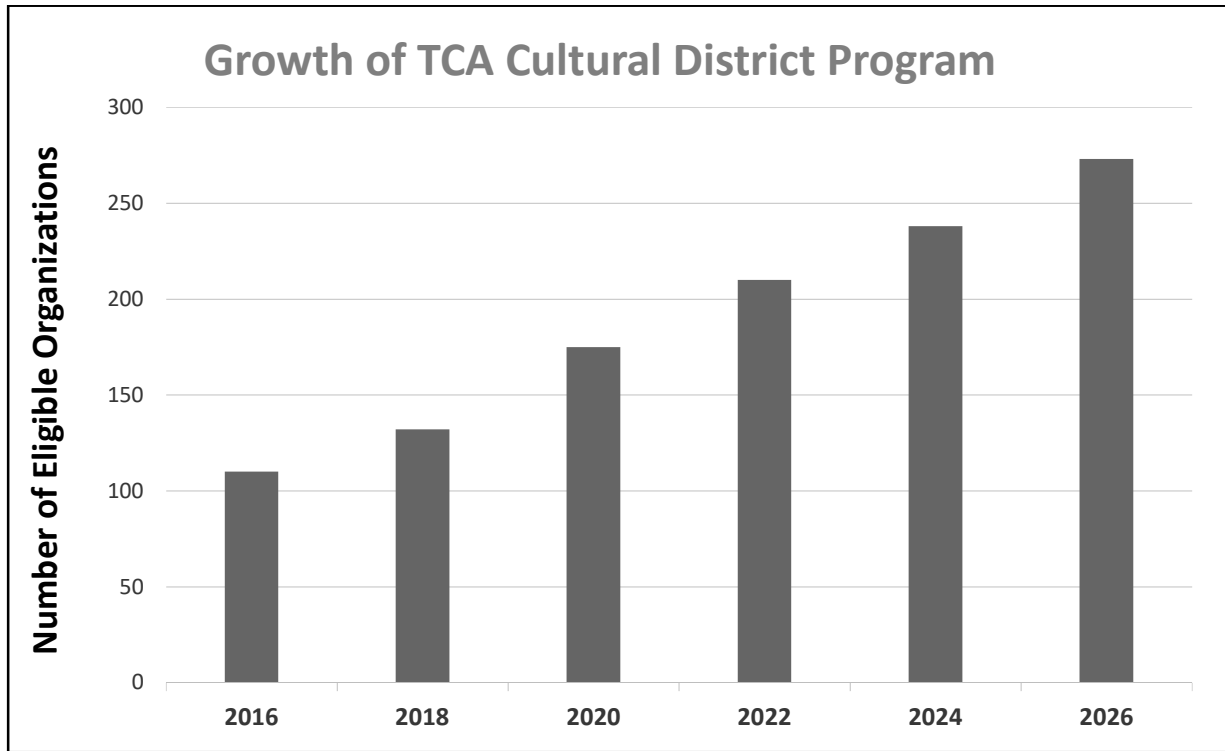
- 3.1 **Arts Create** provides operational support grants to approximately 80 established arts organizations annually with the specific intention of producing cultural events in Texas that attract visitors.
- 3.2 **Arts Respond Cultural District Projects** provide grant funding to approximately 120 organizations annually for activities in TCA-designated Cultural Districts. This program is designed for projects that use the arts to diversify local economies, generate revenue, and attract visitors and investment. The program focus is on significant cultural tourism projects including high-quality arts programming, enhancements to Cultural Districts, improved signage and wayfinding, promotion for districts, and operational support for the managers of these Cultural Districts. Approximately five million people were projected to participate in Cultural District Project activities in FY 2026.
- 3.3 **Economic Development** projects focus on job growth or cultural tourism and will provide funding for approximately 200 grants annually.
- 3.4 **Designated Funding/Commission Initiatives** provides approximately 2 tourism-related grants per year in support of agency cultural tourism initiatives, designed to attract national arts conferences to Texas.
- 3.5 **Arts Respond Performance Support** provides fee support for artists from the Texas Touring Roster to perform at festivals, big and small, all over the Lone Star State. The Texas Touring Roster features many headliner caliber artists like Asleep at the Wheel, Marcia Ball, Brave Combo, Emily Gimble, Little Joe Hernandez, Jimmie Vaughan, and Eva Ybarra. The roster also includes storytellers, theater for young audiences, dance companies, and many other family-friendly offerings to ensure there are great things to engage young people at festivals.
- 3.6 **All grant applications are evaluated** utilizing the peer panel review described in point 1.8.
- 3.7 **TCA performs desk audits on 100% of grant recipients.** The agency uses a risk assessment to select grantees for fiscal monitoring visits. Highest risk grantees are selected for onsite fiscal site monitoring visits.
- 3.8 **Cultural District Designation** is authorized by H.B. 2208 of the 79th Legislature for TCA to designate special zones in Texas cities and communities that harness the power of cultural resources to stimulate economic development and community revitalization. Fifty-seven Cultural Districts have been designated in

Texas. Applications for new Cultural Districts are accepted annually and new Cultural Districts are regularly designated.

- 3.9 TCA works under a Memorandum of Understanding** with the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division; the Texas Department of Transportation; the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and the Texas Historical Commission to minimize duplication of effort and to ensure that state resources are directed toward tourism activities and programs that yield the highest level of return on investment.

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Funding to activate these districts first became available in 2016. Since that time, **the number of districts has nearly doubled.**

The number of organizations eligible to apply for these funds has increased by nearly 150%.

In 2016, there were **110** nonprofit organizations eligible to apply for a Cultural District Project grant. In 2026, there were **273** nonprofit organizations eligible to apply for a Cultural District Project grant.

Goal 4: Advancing Leadership in Arts and Culture in the State and Nation

TCA strives to provide information and assistance to arts and cultural industries and organizations as well as the public. This includes helping individuals (artists, administrators, and audience members) find opportunities and resources, helping organizations with professional advancement and development for staff and board members, and helping communities develop their cultural assets. Agency staff is available to answer questions and provide expertise as needed.

4.1 TCA utilizes technology to advance the mission and goals of the agency by enhancing the quality of its services and operations. These services are centralized through the agency's website. The website is used to disseminate information, provide services, and increase the agency's reach throughout Texas and the nation. Many of TCA's services, including the grant application process, are available day or night.

4.2 TCA offers professional development opportunities to help cultivate the arts in Texas. The agency serves as a clearinghouse of arts information and expertise for the public and its constituents. Opportunities are provided through professional references, direct assistance, educational webinars and networking opportunities. Examples of professional development include:

4.2A TCA provides one-on-one assistance where constituents can speak with staff directly via meetings held over Zoom. These meetings allow for screen sharing and personalized assistance with agency programs and services.

4.2B The agency has developed a wide array of **professional development resources** for the arts industry available through the agency's website. These include over 30 curated professional development webinars designed to broadly assist the work of nonprofit organizations and artists. The online Speaker Series offers three professional development webinars per year on timely topics; the recorded sessions are added to the website. TCA produced a tool-kit of template-based resources (e.g., sample plans, forms, templates, checklists, surveys, and assessment tools) designed to assist nonprofits with fundamentals and best practices on a variety of topics. All of these resources are available at any time through the agency website.

4.2C TCA hosts and participates in conferences and smaller gatherings ranging in size from 20 to 500 attendees. These gatherings are convened in-person and online. TCA strives to address tangible needs with resources that can be put into use

easily, best practices, and emerging trends in the field. Workshops are designed for those interested in grantsmanship and arts topics. Specialized convenings offer workforce development for individual artists of all disciplines. Constituent group meetings include Cultural District managers, arts education leaders, rural arts providers, curators, public art administrators, grant seekers, and Texas Touring Roster artists. During these meetings, participants share best practices and explore areas for innovation and collaboration. TCA conducts annual online listening sessions to help gauge needs in the field.

- 4.3 TCA strives to ensure that all Texans have access** to the arts, including audiences and artists with disabilities. TCA has a staff member assigned to monitoring and improving the agency's accessibility. This person also serves as a free resource to Texas-based artists and organizations interested in making cultural programs and facilities more accessible to people with disabilities.
- 4.4 TCA offers a free monthly email newsletter** to organizations, individuals and the general public. The newsletter provides information on upcoming deadlines and opportunities.
- 4.5 TCA administers social media platforms** through Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter). These platforms provide TCA and the creative arts industry in Texas with the ability to reach audiences, provide customer service, and raise awareness of programs, initiatives and research.
- 4.6 TCA offers the State of the Arts license plate** for interested Texans, and it has generated funds for TCA grants and promotion of the arts and cultural industries in the state.
- 4.7 TCA provides assistance for questions about public art** under the authority of Section 444.029 of Texas Government Code, which states that any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state undertaking a public construction project estimated to cost more than \$250,000 may specify that a percentage not to exceed one percent of the cost of the construction project shall be used for fine arts projects at or near the site of the construction project. Those organizations may consult with TCA for advice in determining how to conduct the public art or percent-for-art project.
- 4.8 TCA is a member of Mid-America Arts Alliance**, a Regional Arts Organization serving Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Arkansas. Regional Arts Organizations encourage arts activities on a regional basis, facilitating resource sharing and leveraging the assets of the member states. TCA pays an annual subscription fee to enable Texas to participate in Mid-America Arts Alliance programs.
- 4.9 TCA maintains partnerships with the Texas Cultural Trust & Texans for the Arts** in order to raise public awareness and private funds in support

of arts and art education initiatives. The Texas Cultural Trust provides funding for the Young Masters grants and the Texas Women for the Arts grants, and they present the Texas Medal of Arts Awards. Texans for the Arts is a not-for-profit advocacy organization dedicated to supporting the arts in Texas.

In support of statewide objectives:

- The agency strives for operational transparency and efficiency in all grant making activity.
- TCA works diligently to meet all legal requirements in an effective and efficient manner.
- The use of technology allows the agency to connect with a large audience in a low-cost, yet highly effective manner.
- The adoption of social media technologies increases constituent interactions and enhances the agency's ability to meet those needs in a more timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner.
- In an effort to be more transparent, TCA provides an online search tool for viewing grants issued by the agency, so the public can search grants by organization, city, or Texas region and read a description of the funded activity.
- In the delivery of all services, TCA works to be effective, efficient, secure, economical, and innovative.



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Customer Service Survey

From April 22 to May 23, 2026, TCA solicited participation from constituents in order to assess the quality of the agency’s customer service. The survey was sent directly to 11,231 account holders along with members of the agency’s mailing list at the cost of approximately one-half of a penny per person. Combined, these groups represent 100% of the agency’s current constituent group.

Our account holders comprise:

Arts Nonprofit Organizations	38%
K-12 Schools	22%
Other Nonprofits*	21%
Governmental Entities	09%
Individuals (Artists)	05%
Colleges and Universities	03%
Businesses & Companies	01%
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	100%

* Other Nonprofits include libraries, parks, churches, PTA/PTOs, and organizations focused on economic development, health, heritage, historical preservation, and social services.

Additionally, the survey was posted on the agency website during that same timeframe where anyone could participate. The emailed survey had a 58% open rate and 323 participants completed the survey, which represents just over 3% participation.

In analyzing the results of the customer survey, the agency is pleased to have achieved an overall customer satisfactory rating of 90%. In comparing the results to the agency’s *Compact with Texans* (see agency website: arts.texas.gov), TCA staff were rated very highly on being both courteous and knowledgeable (removing respondents who did not interact with staff, the rating is approximately 90% positive). Staff response rate was also rated very highly (removing those that did not interact with staff, the rating is approximately 90% positive). Agency communications were rated 91% positive (removing respondents who indicated those services were not applicable). Agency print materials were rated 81% positive (removing respondents who indicated those services were not applicable). Agency website was rated 81% positive (removing respondents who indicated those services were not applicable). The agency used the results of prior surveys to ensure the complaint process is made more visible and prominent to our

customers. We have seen a gradual increase in the number of respondents who claimed to have familiarity and satisfaction with the process over prior years. This metric has grown from 64% satisfaction four years ago, to 69% two years ago, to 74% this time. The ten-point increase in percentage points is a positive metric, but this is still an area for improvement. It remains the lowest scoring area for the agency. Over half of the respondents indicated the agency's facilities were not applicable to the services they received; however, of those that did respond, nearly 80% found the agency facilities to be satisfactory. The agency moved to the new George H. W. Bush State Office Building in May of 2024. The agency is optimistic that this metric will continue to improve as more customers visit the agency for one-on-one services. The new location has ample parking for visitors in a convenient central location.

Of note: When comparing this survey to the one two years ago, the agency improved its metrics in every single category. Some improvements were only fractions of a decimal better, but others were multiple points higher, with overall satisfaction with the agency increased by 7 percentage points.

Constant Contact Survey Results

Campaign Name: Customer Service Survey 4/17/2026






Survey Starts: 555

Survey Submits: 323

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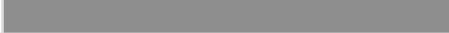

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. How satisfied are you with the agency's facilities, including your ability to access the agency, the office location, signs, and cleanliness?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			10	3%
2 - Unsatisfied			2	0%
3 - Neutral			13	4%
4 - Satisfied			21	6%
5 - Very satisfied			76	23%
NA - Not Applicable			199	61%
Total Responses			321	100%






MULTIPLE CHOICE

2. How satisfied are you with agency staff, including employee courtesy, friendliness, and knowledgeability, and whether staff members adequately identify themselves to customers by name, including the use of name plates or tags for accountability?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			19	5%
2 - Unsatisfied			2	0%
3 - Neutral			7	2%
4 - Satisfied			31	9%
5 - Very satisfied			218	68%
NA - Not Applicable			43	13%
Total Responses			320	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

3. How satisfied are you with agency communications, including toll-free telephone access, the average time you spend on hold, call transfers, access to a live person, letters, electronic mail, and any applicable text messaging or mobile applications?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			16	5%
2 - Unsatisfied			0	0%
3 - Neutral			9	2%
4 - Satisfied			51	15%
5 - Very satisfied			212	66%
NA - Not Applicable			31	9%
Total Responses			319	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

4. How satisfied are you with the agency's website, including the ease of use, mobile access, information on the location of the site and the agency, and information accessible through the site such as a listing of services and programs and whom to contact for further information or to complain?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			15	4%
2 - Unsatisfied			10	3%
3 - Neutral			33	10%
4 - Satisfied			102	31%
5 - Very satisfied			151	46%
NA - Not Applicable			11	3%
Total Responses			322	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

5. How satisfied are you with the agency's complaint handling process, including whether it is easy to file a complaint and whether responses are timely?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			5	1%
2 - Unsatisfied			2	0%
3 - Neutral			20	6%
4 - Satisfied			17	5%
5 - Very satisfied			61	19%
NA - Not Applicable			216	67%
Total Responses			321	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

6. How satisfied are you with the agency's ability to serve you in a timely manner, including the amount of time you wait for service in person?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			15	4%
2 - Unsatisfied			3	0%
3 - Neutral			9	2%
4 - Satisfied			51	15%
5 - Very satisfied			188	58%
NA - Not Applicable			55	17%
Total Responses			321	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

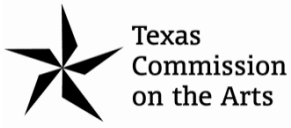
7. How satisfied are you with any agency brochures or other printed information, including the accuracy of that information?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			12	3%
2 - Unsatisfied			1	0%
3 - Neutral			24	7%
4 - Satisfied			56	17%
5 - Very satisfied			108	33%
NA - Not Applicable			121	37%
Total Responses			322	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

8. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the agency.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
1 - Very unsatisfied			15	4%
2 - Unsatisfied			3	0%
3 - Neutral			13	4%
4 - Satisfied			60	18%
5 - Very satisfied			228	70%
NA - Not Applicable			4	1%
Total Responses			323	100%



AGENDA ITEM: XVI

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSION ACTION
**APPROVAL OF THE 2028 - 2029 LEGISLATIVE
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST (LAR)**

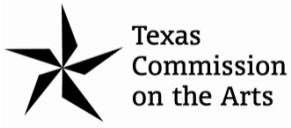
DISCUSSION: Dr. Gibbs will review the 2028 - 2029 LAR with Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approves the 2028 - 2029 LAR as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: XVII

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

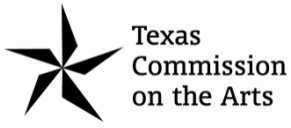
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS ON ARTS ACTIVITIES IN
EACH COMMISSIONER'S GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
(MARCH 06, 2026 – JUNE 11, 2026)**

Commissioners will provide a verbal report at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGENDA ITEM: XVIII

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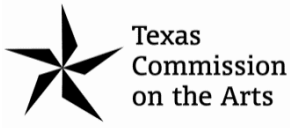
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
**TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS ACTIVITIES
(MARCH 06, 2026 - JUNE 11, 2026)**

Dr. Gibbs will provide a verbal report at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGENDA ITEM: XIX

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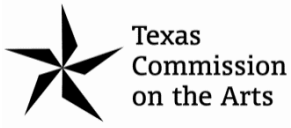
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION OF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
TEXANS FOR THE ARTS ACTIVITIES
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A verbal report on the activities of Texans for the Arts will be provided by a representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: XX

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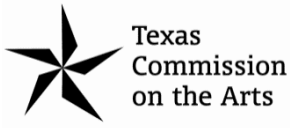
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PRESENTATION OF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST ACTIVITIES
(MARCH 06, 2026 - JUNE 11, 2026)

A verbal report on the activities of the Texas Cultural Trust will be provided by a representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: XXI

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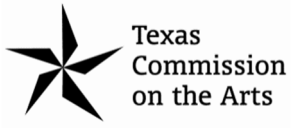
REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION OF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Commission on any matter within the authority of the Commission. Time for each comment may be limited by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director



AGENDA ITEM: XXII

DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

REPORT OF: COMMISSION MEETING
FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

For your information and reference, here is a schedule of the upcoming Commission meetings.

2026 Commission Meeting Dates:

September 03, 2026

December 03, 2026

2027 Commission Meeting Dates:

March 23, 2027

June 24, 2027

September 09, 2027

December 09, 2027

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