

Senator Jose Menendez

Texas Senate District: 26



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2025

Agarita Chamber Players

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,000**

To support Humble Hall, an innovative, free series of mobile concerts reaching residents and visitors across San Antonio.

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

To support the Agarita Inspires educational concert program that serves students throughout Bexar County.

Alamo City Performing Arts Association

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,500**

To support performances of the ballet Coppelia in San Antonio locations, with free admission for military service members and their families.

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

To support the After-School Dance Program, which provides free dance instruction in multiple genres to K-5th grade students and at-risk youth at Title I schools in San Antonio.

Anuja SA

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$3,000**

To support the annual Diwali San Antonio Festival of Lights, engaging audiences at Hemisfair Park with multidisciplinary performances that celebrate Indian culture.

Arte y Pasion Flamenco and Spanish Performing Arts Company

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,000**

To support a series of affordable performances and workshops in support of San Antonio's We Flamenco Fest, to encourage cultural tourism to the city.

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

To support providing flamenco performances and lecture-demonstrations to community members at veterans centers, homeless shelters, convalescent centers, and clinical care settings in San Antonio.

Artpace San Antonio

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$14,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,500**

To support the International Artist-in-Residence and Curatorial Residency programs, a series of artist studio visits conducted around the state of Texas.

Ballet San Antonio

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

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

To support Learning That Moves You, which provides after-school dance instruction at facilities that serve at-risk, abused, neglected, and bereaved youth, in San Antonio.

Bihl Haus Arts

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,000**

To support multidisciplinary arts classes for seniors and veterans, with a focus on healing and building community, in San Antonio.

Blattman Elementary PTA

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$597**

Artistic fee subsidy for Yuck Show to perform at Patricia J. Blattman Elementary in San Antonio, 03/19/25 - 03/19/25.

Bob Lewis Elementary PTA

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$690**

Artistic fee subsidy for Yuck Show to perform at Bob Lewis Elementary in San Antonio, 05/05/25 - 05/05/25.

Briscoe Western Art Museum (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$7,000**

To support Aloha Vaqueros, an exhibition exploring the connections between Mexico's vaquero traditions and Hawaii's paniolo cowboy culture, attracting audiences to San Antonio.

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

To support in-person interactive museum tours for K-12th grade students in San Antonio.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Bike Zoo to perform at Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio, 01/25/25 - 01/25/25.

Centro Cultural Aztlan

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support the ZonArte holiday arts market, a free, multi-day festival featuring visual art and live performances at the two Galeria Expresion galleries in the Deco District of San Antonio.

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

To support the Superheroes in the Schools arts education program, culminating in a public exhibition of artwork by K-12th grade students from throughout San Antonio and Bexar County.

Chamber Choir of San Antonio

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

Children's Chorus of San Antonio

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

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

To support early childhood music classes for youth and family residents of Haven for Hope and the Family Violence Prevention Services Battered Women and Children's Shelter that facilitate family bonding and trauma recovery.

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

To support a summer music camp for at-risk youth at Boys and Girls Clubs in San Antonio, culminating in a concert hall performance.

City of San Antonio/Public Library

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

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform eight times at five public libraries in San Antonio, 06/05/25 - 07/19/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sue Young to perform at eight libraries in San Antonio, 06/11/25 - 07/17/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at five public libraries in San Antonio, 06/14/25 - 07/23/25.

Classical Music Institute

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

Cody Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$974**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Edmund Cody Elementary in San Antonio, 04/25/25 - 04/25/25.

Colonial Hills Elementary/North East ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$475**

Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kabura to perform at Colonial Hills Elementary in San Antonio, 02/10/25 - 02/10/25.

Conjunto Heritage Taller

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support the 22nd annual Tardeada, celebrating traditional conjunto music with performances by students and professional artists, and offering an exciting showcase in San Antonio.

Contemporary at Blue Star (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

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

To support Creative Classrooms, a program that places professional artists in K-8th grade classrooms in Harlandale Independent School District to provide hands-on, curriculum-integrated activities.

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

To support the MOSAIC Student Artist Program, a free, year-round, after-school studio intensive program that teaches the business of art to prepare San Antonio students for college and participation in the creative economy.

Converse Elementary/Judson ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,190**

Artistic fee subsidy for Chris Barton to perform at Converse Elementary in Converse, 04/10/25 - 04/10/25.

Elrod Elementary PTA

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$425**
Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Jimmy Elrod Elementary School in San Antonio, 04/04/25 - 04/04/25.

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Gemini Ink

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,000**
To support the Veterans Writing Collective, which provides a supportive community for active-duty military, veterans, and their families to refine their writing through professionally-led monthly gatherings and workshops in the San Antonio area.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$6,000**
To support summer writing workshops for at-risk and economically disadvantaged girls at Empower House in San Antonio's eastside.

Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center

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

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**
To support Viva Mi Cultura, a Mexican folklorico and Spanish flamenco dance lecture-demonstration and performance series for K-12th grade students residing in socio-economically disadvantaged and underserved communities in San Antonio.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**
Artistic fee subsidy for Los Texmaniacs to perform at Rosedale Park in San Antonio, 05/15/25 - 05/15/25.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$6,500**
To support Grupo Animo, a weekly summer theater arts camp for at-risk youth in San Antonio's westside.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$150,000**
To support year-round interdisciplinary arts programs in San Antonio's Westside Cultural District.

Harmony Hills Elementary/North East ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,152**
Artistic fee subsidy for Chris Barton to perform at Harmony Hills Elementary in San Antonio, 10/10/24 - 10/10/24.

Jump-Start Performance Co.

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$8,000
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Education	\$6,000
<i>To support Historias y Cuentos (Stories and Tales) at Bonham Academy, an arts education program that works with students and teachers to infuse arts into the school day at this San Antonio school.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$4,500
<i>To support a therapeutic arts education program at Fairweather Family Lodge, in collaboration with Endeavors, Inc., which provides women with chronic mental illness and their families with multidisciplinary arts instruction in San Antonio.</i>	

Los Texmaniacs

Commission Initiative - Rural Tour	\$5,000
<i>Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Zapata, Duval, and/or Jim Hogg counties.</i>	

Luminaria

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$8,000
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$6,500
<i>To support the Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival, a free, multidisciplinary festival, to inspire youth and adults to visit downtown San Antonio.</i>	
Arts Respond Performance Support	\$2,100
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Laser Spectacles to perform at the Alamodome in San Antonio, 10/19/24 - 10/19/24.</i>	
Arts Respond Performance Support	\$375
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Eddie Vega to perform at St. Paul Square in San Antonio, 10/19/24 - 10/19/24.</i>	

Magik Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$16,000
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Education	\$4,000
<i>To support the world premiere production of a commissioned musical, 'Lyric and the Keys,' for elementary students in San Antonio.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$6,500
<i>To support sensory-friendly performances of a bilingual play, to serve youth with sensory sensitivities, hearing, or visual impairment, in San Antonio.</i>	

Main Plaza Conservancy

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$637**

Artistic fee subsidy for Mariachi Las Alteñas to perform at Main Plaza in San Antonio, 09/14/24 - 09/14/24.

Majestic Empire Foundation (dba)

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

To support the Broadway in San Antonio Masterclass, which provides student performers with free master classes, workshops, and related training opportunities.

Mary Hull Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$312**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Mary Hull Elementary in San Antonio, 03/07/25 - 03/07/25.

Mary Lou Fisher Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$310**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Fisher Elementary in San Antonio, 03/04/25 - 03/04/25.

McDermott Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$312**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at McDermott Elementary in San Antonio, 04/30/25 - 04/30/25.

National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

Network for Young Artists

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,000**

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

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

To support a series of winter holiday music performances for adults living in senior living facilities in the San Antonio area.

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

To support a summer multidisciplinary arts program for at-risk youth in San Antonio.

Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,259**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at six elementary schools in San Antonio, 12/09/24 - 12/13/24.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,352**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Northside Independent School District elementary schools in San Antonio, 05/19/25 - 05/23/25.

Oak Hills Terrace Elementary PTA

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$640**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School in San Antonio, 05/05/25 - 05/05/25.

Olmos Ensemble

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

To support a performance featuring music for woodwind quintet by American composers, as part of a summer concert series, attracting audiences from San Antonio and the surrounding region.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,200**

To support a performance in collaboration with Agarita Chamber players at Diane Bennack Concert Hall at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio that promotes health and happiness among audiences of all ages.

Opera San Antonio

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$15,000**

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

Passmore Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$300**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Passmore Elementary in San Antonio, 03/05/25 - 03/05/25.

Promesa Academy Charter School

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$650**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Promesa Academy Charter School in San Antonio, 11/22/24 - 11/22/24.

Public Theater of San Antonio (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support a production of 'Anything Goes,' as part of the Season of Legends, providing the San Antonio and South Texas community with a unique adaptation of the well-loved musical.

Rhythmics School of Kathak Dance

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support RhythMosaic 2025 in Austin, an innovative Kathak dance showcase and workshop series, celebrating heritage and fostering artistic exchange.

San Anto Cultural Arts

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support the creation of a community mural, attracting visitors from outside the community and all over Texas to San Antonio's West Side.

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

To support the El Placazo Community Newspaper program, which provides youth the opportunity to be part of a creative community and build technical and life skills to pave the way to higher education and employment opportunities, in San Antonio.

Say Si

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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

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

To support the Working Artist and Mentors project, which provides middle school students with free after-school access to multidisciplinary art studios and mentorship, in San Antonio.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$30,000**

To support a Regional Creative Youth Summit in San Antonio's Westside Cultural District that will build a multi-state network of young artists and professionals dedicated to positively impacting their communities.

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$8,000**

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.

SOLI Chamber Ensemble

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

South Texas Symphonic Orchestra

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,530**

To support a concert primarily serving members of the United States Armed Forces, featuring music from throughout the United States' cultural and military history, in San Antonio.

Spring Meadows Elementary/Judson ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$375**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Spring Meadows Elementary School in San Antonio, 05/09/25 - 05/09/25.

Tobin Center for the Performing Arts (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$20,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,000**

To support the Tobin Center Birthday Block Party, a celebratory event featuring local vendors, live performances, historical displays, and educational workshops, attracting audience members to the San Antonio area.

Urban 15 Group

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$5,000**

To support Fables and Lore, a workshop series at Robert B. Green Elementary School in San Antonio that enhances the love of reading through the excitement of dramatic storytelling.

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

To support Mega Corazon, an in-person and virtual poetry marathon for students in Title I schools and youth alternative centers, in San Antonio.

UTSA Arts

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,000**

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

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

To support the formation of a weekly band program for beginner and intermediate-level veterans, taught by professional musicians in both large and small ensemble settings in San Antonio.

Valeria Velasco

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

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

Wilshire Elementary/North East ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$362**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Wilshire Elementary School in San Antonio, 03/03/25 - 03/03/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$593**

Artistic fee subsidy for Chris Barton to perform at Wilshire Elementary in San Antonio, 01/13/25 - 01/13/25.

Woodlawn Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,000**

To support Beyond Broadway, a customized, themed musical theater educational program tailored for San Antonio seniors that culminates with the creation of a musical production designed and performed by the participants.

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

To support tailored musical theater programming for youth at local organizations that includes teaching theater and staging a performance and a musical number, in San Antonio.

Youth Orchestras of San Antonio

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$14,000**

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

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

To support the YOSA Invitational, a two-day event for San Antonio and Bexar County school bands and orchestras to perform at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

Number of Awards: 105

Award Total: \$736,610