

# Senator Cesar Blanco

Texas Senate District: 29



## Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2025

### Ballroom Marfa

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

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

### Binational Independent Film Festival

**Arts Respond Economic Development** **\$2,250**

*To support the Binational Independent Film Festival, showcasing filmmakers from the United States and Mexico, offering local at-risk youth opportunities to learn about the film industry, and attracting visitors to El Paso.*

### Chinati Foundation/La Fundacion Chinati

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

*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 annual Chinati Weekend, which features exhibitions and a variety of activities, to attract local, national, and international visitors to Marfa.*

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

*To support the Summer Shake-Up, a free summer arts education workshop for at-risk and economically-disadvantaged youth in Marfa Independent School District.*

### City of El Paso/Museums & Cultural Affairs Dept

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

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

**Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming** **\$27,500**

*To support high quality arts programming at three major fall festivals in the El Paso Downtown Cultural District: Chalk the Block, Dia De Los Muertos, and the Market at Winterfest.*

## Creative Kids

**Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts** **\$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.*

## El Paso Museum of Art/City of El Paso

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$10,500**

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

## El Paso Museum of History/City of El Paso

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

*Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Ire'ne Lara Silva to perform at El Paso Museum of History in El Paso, 06/21/25 - 06/22/25.*

## El Paso Opera

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

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**Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts** **\$5,000**

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## El Paso Pro-Musica

**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** **\$4,000**

*To support El Paso Pro-Musica Outreach and Community Engagement, which provides free access to music for patients of all ages at area hospitals, senior centers, rehabilitation and oncology centers, and other facilities.*

## El Paso Symphony Orchestra

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

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

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

*To support the Young People's Concerts, educational orchestra performances for fifth grade students in El Paso and the surrounding region.*

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

*To support the Tocando Music Project, a during and after-school program serving at-risk children in El Paso and Tornillo Title I schools.*

**Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming** **\$46,720**

*To support the Christmas in Vienna concerts, which allow visitors to kick off the holiday season with music in the El Paso Downtown Cultural District.*

## **Fab Lab El Paso**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$5,500**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

## **Judd Foundation**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$13,000**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture** **\$3,000**  
*To support two annual Ranch Day events at Donald Judd's ranch outside of Marfa, comprised of educational programs celebrating the artistic and natural history of the West Texas landscape.*

## **Kids Excel El Paso**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$15,000**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Arts Respond Education** **\$5,000**  
*To support Kids Excel El Paso's Event-of-the-Year that provides El Paso-area 4th graders with a quality arts education experience and performance opportunity.*

## **Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering**

**Arts Respond Economic Development** **\$4,500**  
*To support an annual gathering of nationally renowned cowboy performers and poets, consisting of cowboy-related activities, a rodeo, and a poetry competition, bringing new groups and visitors to Alpine.*

## **Marfa Live Arts (formerly Marfa Theatre)**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$15,000**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Arts Respond Education** **\$5,000**  
*To support playwriting preparatory courses for seventh and eighth graders in Marfa.*

**Arts Respond Health & Human Services** **\$6,000**  
*To support Mindfulness Theater, a summer camp workshop focused on helping rural youth improve physical, emotional, and social health by teaching mindfulness and healthy coping strategies using theater, song, and movement techniques.*

## **Marfa Studio of Arts**

**Arts Respond Education** **\$2,000**  
*To support the Studio in the Elementary School, a school residency program providing preK-6th grade students with visual art instruction.*

**Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice** **\$2,000**  
*To support Summer Shake Up, a free summer art camp for economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth in Marfa.*

**Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts** **\$7,500**

*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.*

**Mexican American Cultural Center/City of El Paso**

**Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture** **\$4,625**

*To support Con el Nopal en la Mente, a free series of cooking and arts workshops designed to highlight prickly pear recipes, arts techniques, and the cultural importance of the plant in the Chihuahuan Desert.*

**Tom Lea Institute**

**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** **\$5,500**

*To support at-risk youth creating horse-themed art with an artist's guidance while a partner organization also teaches them horsemanship, in El Paso.*

**Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts** **\$7,000**

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**UTEP/Art Galleries**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$13,000**

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

**UTEP/Dept of Theatre & Dance**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$8,000**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Forklift Danceworks to perform at San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso, 03/16/25 - 03/23/25.*

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**Number of Awards: 36**

**Award Total: \$328,995**