

Representative Denise Villalobos

Texas House District: 34



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas House District

Fiscal Year 2026

Art Center of Corpus Christi

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 **\$3,650**

To support the Laguna Madre Artist Residency, an interdisciplinary program creating new works about Texas' hypersaline lagoon, that will culminate in an exhibition and educational programming.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$8,250**

To support Amplify the Arts, a multidisciplinary arts initiative that draws audiences to community events in the Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District.

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

Art Museum of South Texas (formerly STIA)

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

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,650**

To support on- and off-site community-based art education activities for residents at The Purple Door women's shelter and veteran patrons of Caraday, in Corpus Christi.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$6,500**

To support AMSTeens, a free, high-quality arts program for at-risk teens in Corpus Christi providing mentorship, workshops, and college connections to inspire creativity, build skills, and promote positive futures through art and community support.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$23,562**

To support 'In Nature's Studio: Two Centuries of American Landscape Painting,' an exhibition exploring the Hudson River School that will boost cultural tourism in the Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District.

Banquete Elementary/Banquete ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support \$1,000

Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming to perform at Banquete Elementary in Banquete, 10/16/25 - 10/16/25.

Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra

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 \$4,000

To support the Corpus Christi Area Youth Orchestra that provides training, mentorship, and performance opportunities for students.

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

To support the Corpus Christi Youth Orchestra, which provides instruction and at least two performance opportunities for select 3rd-12th graders.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming \$22,750

To support 'Michael Cavanaugh: The Music of Billy Joel,' a nationally recognized orchestral pops concert that will draw audiences from across Texas to the Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District.

Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District

Arts Respond Economic Development \$4,000

To support monthly ArtWalk festival activities, including art exhibitions, large-scale murals, live music, live painting, and hands-on art opportunities, promoting cultural tourism.

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District \$18,750

To support the annual Downtown Corpus Christi Mural Festival, a week of mural creation by national and local artists and public art events that will increase tourism to the Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District.

Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries

Arts Respond Performance Support \$892

Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at libraries in Corpus Christi, 07/16/26 - 07/17/26.

K Space Contemporary

Arts Create - Operational Support \$12,000

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services \$6,500

To support the Senior Outreach Program, which provides participatory community art projects that beautify and shade public spaces to underserved senior communities in Corpus Christi.

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

To support the Agape Art Outreach Program, workshops for youth in foster care, focused on advanced art concepts and creative exploration in Corpus Christi.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$13,000**

To support a Dia de los Muertos Festival and related programming in the streets of the Downtown Corpus Christi Cultural District.

Mid-America Arts Alliance

Commission Initiative - Regional Services **\$40,000**

Support for MAAA's programs serving Texas, including Artistic Innovations grants, Regional Touring Program grants, the Exhibits USA program, and three cohorts of Texas artists in the Artist Inc. training program, December 1, 2025-August 31, 2026.

Raps and Apps

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

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

To support the Golden Mic: Amplifying Unheard Voices, a high-impact artist development initiative designed to empower underrepresented musicians and revitalize Corpus Christi's cultural economy.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$6,000**

To support Murals for a Cause, a Corpus Christi-based mural creation program empowering at-risk youth in Texas juvenile detention centers.

Ritz Theatre Corpus Christi

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,160**

Artistic fee subsidy for Arte y Pasion Flamenco and Spanish Performing Arts Company to perform at Bar Under the Sun in Corpus Christi, 05/13/26 - 05/13/26.

West Oso Elementary/West Oso ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,346**

Artistic fee subsidy for Chris Barton to perform at West Oso Elementary School and West Oso High School in Corpus Christi, 02/05/26 - 02/06/26.

Number of Awards: 26

Award Total: \$244,010