

# Representative Donna Howard

Texas House District: 48



## Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas House District

Fiscal Year 2026

### A3 Art Alliance Austin (dba)

**Arts Respond Economic Development** **\$4,000**

*To support Austin Arts Thrive, an initiative to build public will and garner investment in the local creative economy through a series of stakeholder convenings and marketing efforts.*

### Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$300**

*Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to perform at Adventurers Academy in Austin, 12/06/25 - 12/06/25.*

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

*Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to perform at Camp Tyler in Whitehouse, 04/14/26 - 04/14/26.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$300**

*Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to perform at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Austin, 08/11/26 - 08/11/26.*

### Armstrong Community Music School

**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** **\$5,000**

*To support an expansion of early music education activity services into Round Rock through a free, multi-site music activation designed to attract families, stimulate cultural activity, and establish sustainable teaching artist employment.*

**Arts Respond Health & Human Services** **\$4,000**

*To support early childhood music programs and intergenerational music classes for vulnerable populations in the Austin area that foster emotional well-being and cognitive development through engaging, research-based music education.*

## **ArtUs Co (formerly Pump Project)**

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

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

**Arts Respond Economic Development** **\$4,000**

*To support Birding Man, a group exhibition honoring the avian world, inviting artists to explore birds as symbols, muses, and messengers while reflecting on their ecological importance and spiritual significance, in Austin.*

## **ATX Chamber Music and Jazz**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$17,000**

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

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

*To support spring concerts by MacArthur Fellow Jeremy Denk and National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master Chucho Valdes that will attract local, national, and international visitors to Austin.*

**Arts Respond Education** **\$6,000**

*To support the Everyone Deserves Art program that provides in-school performances, connecting Austin youth with world-class classical music and jazz artists.*

## **Austin Asian American Film Festival**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$18,000**

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

## **Austin Gay Men's Chorus (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** **\$7,500**

*To support a concert built around works by two composers named Thompson that explore freedom, its promises, its contradictions, and its unfinished work in American life, with a marketing campaign to attract audiences in the Dallas area to Austin.*

## **Blue Lapis Light**

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

*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 Youth Taking Flight, semester-long aerial dance classes serving young people ages 6-18, in Austin.*

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

*To support Youth Taking Flight, a dance program for at-risk youth comprised of various classes, including aerial performance, that culminates in a performance at the Austin Children's Shelter's gym.*

**Forest Trail Elementary/Eanes ISD**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$1,000**

*Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Forest Trail Elementary in Austin, 09/17/25 - 09/17/25.*

**Honk-TX**

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

*To support a free, family-friendly festival of community street bands, to attract audiences into public spaces in Austin.*

**KDH Dance Company (dba)**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$16,000**

*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 Austin Dance Festival, consisting of curated showcases, master classes, and more by professional modern dance companies from Texas and beyond, attracting dancers and audiences.*

**Leap of Joy**

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

*To support Leap of Joy's after-school arts enrichment program, providing performance-based dance and theater instruction to at-risk youth and children in Title I Austin schools.*

**Menchaca Elementary PTA**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$947**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Yuck Show to perform at Menchaca Elementary School in Manchaca, 03/13/26 - 03/13/26.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$700**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Menchaca Elementary School in Manchaca, 02/06/26 - 02/06/26.*

**Menchaca Elementary/Austin ISD**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$550**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian to perform at Menchaca Elementary in Austin, 04/30/26 - 05/01/26.*

**Mr. Will/Will and The Wilderness**

**Commission Initiative - Rural Tour** **\$5,000**

*Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Sabine, Newton, and/or Jasper counties.*

**Panoramic Voices (formerly Texas Choral Consort)**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$17,000**

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

**Arts Respond Economic Development** **\$6,500**

*To support a genre-blending concert by Panoramic Voices and Density512, celebrating iconic divas through newly-commissioned arrangements by local composers that will draw new audiences into Austin's creative community.*

**Patton Elementary PTA**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$1,000**

*Artistic fee subsidy for SaulPaul to perform at Patton Elementary School in Austin, 05/15/26 - 05/15/26.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$450**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Joe McDermott to perform at Patton Elementary School in Austin, 05/15/26 - 05/15/26.*

**University of Texas Foundation**

**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.*

**Westbank Community Library District**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$450**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Mr. Will/Will and The Wilderness to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 12/31/25 - 12/31/25.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$450**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Joe McDermott to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 05/30/26 - 05/30/26.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$325**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Percussion Things to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 06/04/26 - 06/04/26.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$337**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 06/18/26 - 06/18/26.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$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.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$275**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Elizabeth Kabura to perform at Westbank Community Library in Austin, 07/30/26 - 07/30/26.*

**Williams Elementary/Austin ISD**

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

*Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Williams Elementary School in Austin, 05/08/26 - 05/08/26.*

**Zilker Theatre Productions**

**Arts Create - Operational Support**

**\$16,000**

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

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**Number of Awards: 40**

**Award Total: \$222,734**