

Senator Sarah Eckhardt

Texas Senate District: 14



Arts and Cultural Grants

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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.

American Short Fiction

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$19,000**

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 ASF at AFS program, in partnership with the Austin Film Society, featuring a screening selected by novelist Alejandro Puyana and the launch of an associated issue of the short-story magazine.

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

To support the Insider Prize, an annual writing contest for incarcerated adults in Texas.

Andy Roddick Foundation (dba)

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$700**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lannaya Drum & Dance to conduct dance workshops at Harris Elementary in Austin, 07/06/26 - 07/07/26.

Anthropos Arts

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

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

Arts Respond Education **\$7,000**

To support one-on-one music lessons and public performance opportunities focused on advanced musicianship for students in Title I Austin and Manor high schools.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,500**

To support the Music Mentorship Program, an after-school one-on-one music mentorship program for at-risk youth in Austin and Manor Title I schools.

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.

Art Spark Texas

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 **\$5,000**

To support the Texas Veterans Strong program, which provides veterans with arts activities, experiences, workshops, and presentations, in Austin.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$8,500**

To support a nature sensory experience area at the annual Art in the Park festival, which will offer people with disabilities opportunities to explore the local ecosystem through hands-on arts activities, in Austin.

Commission Initiative - Texas Poetry Out Loud **\$25,000**

Art Spark Texas will administer the financial portion of the Texas Poetry Out Loud program for the Texas Commission on the Arts. The National Endowment for the Arts provides this \$25,000 to the state. TCA will retain oversight of expenditures.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$7,875**

To support the Beyond Art Market and Fair, a two-day event with live music, art, vendors, and an indoor art exhibit, to celebrate the legacy and history of Six Square - Austin's Black Cultural District.

Artly World

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

To support the Summit on Arts and Well-Being at the Asian American Resource Center in Austin, a public event with interactive workshops, talks, art displays, live performances, and dialogue sessions exploring creative wellness.

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

To support a collaborative art project and public installation for the Joy for Seniors program celebrating America250, consisting of pieces that honor personal legacies and contributions of local seniors and veterans, in nursing homes across Austin.

Arts on Alexander

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

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 Area Art From The Streets

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 **\$5,000**
To support on-site visual arts workshops in Austin shelters, navigation centers, and transitional housing communities for adults experiencing homelessness and poverty.

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 Bat Cave (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 **\$6,000**
To support in-school creative writing programs that connect local artists with students who attend Title I schools in Austin, Del Valle, and Manor Independent School Districts.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,500**

To support summer creative writing camps and mobile workshops, which connect artists with underserved students in Central Texas and teach them therapeutic journaling in addition to other critical writing skills.

Austin Book Arts Center

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

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

Austin Chamber Music Center

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$19,000**

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

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

To support the annual Austin Chamber Music Festival, attracting visitors and residents to concerts, open rehearsals, master classes, lectures, and other events featuring acclaimed musicians.

Arts Respond Education **\$7,500**

To support Chamber Music Education in Schools, a program that provides interactive concerts and free weekly coaching from professional musicians at multiple Austin schools, culminating in student performances each semester.

Austin Civic Orchestra

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 **\$3,000**

To support the It's About Time concerts in Austin's Zilker Park, a two-evening event of free film music, attracting community members and visitors.

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**

To support Link Up, a music education program that gives 3rd-5th grade students the opportunity to explore music through a yearlong classroom curriculum, culminating in a concert in which students perform with the Orchestra.

Austin Classical Guitar Society

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$23,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$8,500**

To support classroom guitar teachers and students at Title I public schools in the Austin area by providing curriculum, lesson planning support, private instruction, and instruments.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Trio Los Vigilantes to perform at the Rosette in Austin, 11/15/25 - 11/15/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,800**

Artistic fee subsidy for Texas Guitar Quartet to perform at The Rosette in Austin, 02/21/26 - 02/22/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Del Castillo to perform at The Rosette in Austin, 02/05/26 - 02/05/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,250**

Artistic fee subsidy for Guy Forsyth to perform at The Rosette in Austin, 02/19/26 - 02/19/26.

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

To support classical guitar classes for incarcerated and court-involved youth in Dallas, Travis, and Williamson counties.

Austin Community Radio

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

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

Austin Dance Ensemble

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 updated adaptation of 'The Nutcracker' featuring local artists, to draw new audiences to Austin, Lakeway, and Round Rock.

Austin Film Festival

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$19,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$7,500**

To support the Austin Film Festival & Writers Conference, which showcases the work of filmmakers and attracts screenwriters and film lovers from Austin and across the nation.

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

To support the Young Filmmakers Program, which introduces Texas youth to the art of filmmaking through free programs.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$12,221**

To support annual 'AFF in Six Square' programming in which attendees engage in interactive experiences with pioneering film industry executives and creatives, in Six Square - Austin's Black Cultural District.

Austin Film Society

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 Austin presentation of the Pan African Film and Arts Festival, featuring three days of curated events to provide audiences a selection of the most acclaimed films from the largest Black film and arts festival.

Austin Friends of Traditional Music

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Mariachi Las Alteñas to perform at Camp Ben McCulloch in Driftwood, 10/18/25 - 10/18/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,250**

Artistic fee subsidy for Guy Forsyth to perform at Camp Ben McCulloch in Driftwood, 10/18/25 - 10/18/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$600**

Artistic fee subsidy for Everett Wren to perform at Camp Ben McCulloch in Driftwood, 10/18/25 - 10/18/25.

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.

Austin Playhouse

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

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

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

To support bilingual performances of Carmela Full of Wishes by Alvaro Saar Rios for Title I elementary students in the greater Austin area.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$450**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Austin Playhouse West Campus in Austin, 12/20/25 - 12/22/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$600**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Austin Playhouse West Campus in Austin, 06/08/26 - 07/20/26.

Austin Scottish Rite Community and Childrens Theater

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 **\$6,000**

To support educational weekday matinees, touring performances, and teacher workshops in the Austin area.

Austin Shakespeare Festival

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

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

Austin Symphony Orchestra Society

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$25,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$7,500**

To support the Young People's Concerts, performances and accompanying curricular resources for local 4th and 5th grade students that explore concepts related to the water cycle through a program of symphonic music.

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

To support Tuneful Tales presentations of interactive, bilingual storybook readings coupled with live music at no cost to local families of children ages 3-10.

Commission Initiative - America 250 **\$1,776**

To support activities in this Texas Congressional district that commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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.

Austin Theatre Alliance

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$22,000**

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 annual Summer Classic Film Series, which features over 100 films and attracts audiences to downtown Austin.

Arts Respond Education **\$7,500**

To support Story Wranglers, a creative writing residency for third graders that culminates with an original performance based on the students' stories, produced and performed by professional actors at Austin-area schools.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$3,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for Glass Half Full Theatre to perform at King-Seabrook Chapel at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, 09/28/25 - 09/30/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$325**

Artistic fee subsidy for Ruthie Foster to perform at Central Presbyterian Church in Austin, 06/17/26 - 06/17/26.

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.

Austin Unconducted

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

To support the presentation of immersive, non-traditional concerts in partnership with Austin radio station KMFA Classical 89.5 and GRAMMY Award-winning singer Hila Plitmann, attracting audiences to Austin.

Arts Respond Education **\$7,400**

To support a student-centered immersive concert program and accompanying side-by-side student coaching workshops at Title I schools across Austin.

Ballet Austin

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$23,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$7,500**

To support EduMoves, a dance-based, kinesthetic-learning program for preK-2nd grade students in Austin Independent School District Title I schools.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,639**

To support For the Joy of It, which provides dance instruction for residents of Saint Louise House, South Austin Senior Activity Center, and Alamo Recreation Center.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Graham Reynolds to compose a new score for Ballet Austin in Austin, 09/01/25 - 03/29/26.

Baranoff Elementary PTA

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$597**

Artistic fee subsidy for the Yuck Show to perform at Baranoff Elementary School in Austin, 11/13/25 - 11/13/25.

Beat 4 Beat (dba)

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

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

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

To support free after-school music classes for underserved K-12th grade students in Central Texas, using music education to build confidence, prevent delinquency, and foster positive youth development in economically disadvantaged communities.

Black Fret

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

To support the Sonic Guild Ball, an Austin event designed to promote local music to national and international audiences.

Blackshear Elementary/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$3,171**

Artistic fee subsidy for Ballet Austin to conduct dance classes at Blackshear Elementary in Austin, 09/02/25 - 05/15/26.

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.

Capitol View Arts

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$6,825**

To support a series of live music events at the historic Victory Grill, attracting visitors to celebrate the cultural legacy of music in East Austin and Six Square - Austin's Black Cultural District.

Casa Marianella

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at Casa Marianella in Austin, 03/29/26 - 03/29/26.

Center for Women & Their Work

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

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

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

To support screening The Oath, a film of dance by choreographer Annie-B Parson, in Austin as part of the Fusebox Festival.

Arts Respond Education **\$7,500**

To support the To Spell SmART and Art on the GO art education programs that engage K-12th grade students and young adults with special needs in the Austin Independent School District.

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

Chorus Austin

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 **\$5,000**

To support the Community Outreach Program, which provides choral performances in hospitals and senior centers across Austin, to aid with emotional wellbeing, reduce isolation, and provide creative stimulation for patients and community residents.

Cine Las Americas

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 **\$7,000**

To support the annual Cine Las Americas International Film Festival and associated programs, aimed at attracting residents and visitors to Austin.

City of Pflugerville/Public Library

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$250**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Pflugerville Public Library in Pflugerville, 10/20/25 - 10/20/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$300**

Artistic fee subsidy for Mr. Will/Will and The Wilderness to perform at Pflugerville Public Library in Pflugerville, 06/04/26 - 06/04/26.

City of Sunset Valley

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,800**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Bike Zoo to perform at Toney Burger Complex in Sunset Valley, 04/25/26 - 04/25/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$4,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Asleep at the Wheel to perform at Toney Burger Complex in Sunset Valley, 04/25/26 - 04/25/26.

Civic Arts (dba)

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

Artistic fee subsidy for J Muzac to conduct mosaic arts instruction at Civic Arts Program Space in Austin, 04/27/26 - 05/08/26.

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

To support the Rundberg Alliance Storytelling and Fall Festival projects, which create opportunities for Austin residents to share local stories, see local performances, and trick-or-treat in a safe environment.

Classical Guitar Alive (dba)

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

To support the Music In Medicine program, which presents musical performances by professional musicians for patients, families, visitors, and staff at Hospice Austin's Christopher House.

Co-Lab Projects

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 **\$5,000**

To support a performance at the East Austin Culvert Gallery by sound artist, experimental musician, and instrument maker Victoria Shen that will attract audiences from across Texas.

Collide

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

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

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**

To support Wild Sounds, a season of free, site-specific performances and workshops in Austin's parks and outdoor museums that merge art and ecology, engaging communities with sound, native species, and environmental stewardship.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,235**

Artistic fee subsidy for Graham Reynolds to perform at Laguna Gloria in Austin, 02/19/26 - 02/19/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$465**

Artistic fee subsidy for Graham Reynolds to perform at Ivester Contemporary in Austin, 01/10/26 - 01/10/26.

Conspirare

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

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

Creative Action (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 Education **\$4,000**

To support the Brave Schools arts program, which helps Austin schools build more arts-rich campus cultures and provide students with skills for success.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,000**

To support the Changing Lives Youth Theater Ensemble, which helps teenagers learn about healthy relationships through original, peer-led theater, in Austin.

Del Castillo

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

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Kleberg, Kenedy, and/or Willacy counties.

DORF

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

To support Homeward Bound, an Austin-based group exhibition featuring sculptural installations built with found, secondhand, and donated materials, bringing in Central Texas audiences and visitors.

Families in Nature

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,250**

Artistic fee subsidy for Guy Forsyth to perform at McKinney Falls State Park in Austin, 04/26/26 - 04/26/26.

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.

Forklift Danceworks (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 **\$6,500**

To support the development and performance of The Way of Water—Colorado River, a multi-phase artistic and civic initiative in Austin to advance public understanding of the Colorado River and promote environmental stewardship across Central Texas.

Foundation for the Austin Sanctuary Network

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Trio Los Vigilantes to perform at Princeton Palace in Austin, 09/13/25 - 09/13/25.

Fusebox Austin

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

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

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$4,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Graham Reynolds to perform on a Hampton Inn Parking Garage Rooftop in Austin, 04/18/26 - 04/19/26.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$71,500**

To support Sound and Salt, a performance series that will feature genre-defying works by playwrights Kenyon Adams, Ahamefule Oluo, and Jeremy Nedd, in Six Square - Austin's Black Cultural District.

Future Front Texas (dba)

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

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$8,500**

To support the Front Market, a biannual independent arts fair in Austin, showcasing over 150 artists, makers, and craftspeople from Texas.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$7,000**

To support a multidisciplinary public art exhibition and an associated series of educational workshops exploring mind-body and wellness practices, and artistic forms of healthy expression, in Austin.

Gilbert & Sullivan Society/Austin

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

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

Glass Half Full Theatre

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

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

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**

To support The Serpents Fly at Sundown, a lantern puppet parade in Austin inviting Central Texans to experience joy and build community in the face of environmental disasters and stressors.

Golden Hornet Project

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

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

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

To support Quad Quad, a series of musical composition commissions and premieres that feature the pedal steel, an instrument with specific Texas history, to promote cultural tourism in Austin.

Goodhearted Entertainment

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

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Coke, Runnels, and/or Concho counties.

Gorzycki Middle School/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,381**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at Gorzycki Middle School in Austin, 09/15/25 - 09/15/25.

Ground Floor Theatre

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

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

Groundwork Music Project

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

To support Uke Stars, a ukelele-centered concert series in Central Texas featuring performances from professional, rising, and student performers, to showcase the ukulele and attract cultural tourists and locals.

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

To support after-school ukulele lessons for elementary school students in the San Marcos and Austin Independent School Districts.

Highland Park Elementary School PTA

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

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

Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts

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

To support providing music instruction to students across Austin Title I schools through small group lessons and ensembles, fostering growth and lifelong arts engagement and culminating in a showcase.

Commission Initiative - America 250 **\$1,776**

To support activities in this Texas Congressional district that commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Home Street Music

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$300**

Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to conduct a songwriting workshop at Community First! Village in Austin, 09/04/25 - 09/04/25.

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.

Hyde Park Theatre

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

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

Hyperreal Film Club

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support weekly film screening events, showcasing local filmmakers and curated films from around the world, to attract film-going audiences in Austin.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$4,000**

To support Wild Blue Yonder, a free, weekly series of environmentally-focused films and guest scientist lectures offered to audiences in Austin.

Imagine Art

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 the development and preparation of Imagine Art's Live and Make Gallery and Retail space in the Govalle area of Austin, to showcase and sell the work of artists with and without disabilities.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$7,500**

To support Random Acts of Beauty, a creative placemaking project at an affordable housing complex in Austin, consisting of residencies for artists with disabilities to facilitate community art installations, activities, and events.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$200**

Artistic fee subsidy for Paul Finley to perform at Imagine Art Live+Make Gallery in Austin, 03/18/26 - 03/18/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$250**

Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to perform at Live+Make Gallery in Austin, 05/13/26 - 05/13/26.

Impact Arts

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 **\$6,000**

To support the Accessibility Services Initiative, which provides audio-described, sign language-interpreted, and sensory-friendly services to ensure access to Impact Arts' summer performances in Austin.

India Fine Arts

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 **\$4,000**

To support the Central Texas component of a world-wide celebration called Incredible India, featuring performing artists, a ballet, and a concert called 'Strings for Peace.'

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

To support musical therapy workshops through Austin Groups for the Elderly that incorporate elements of yoga to support the wellbeing of senior adults.

Ishida Dance Company

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support ISHIDA Winter 2026, a unique contemporary dance program in Austin and Houston, and related outreach programming.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$7,000**

To support free, health-centered dance workshops serving the communities of the Mary Lee Foundation, the Arc of the Capital Area, Con Mi Madre, Marshall Middle School and Northside High School, in the Austin and Houston areas.

Joe McDermott

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

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Wood, Upshur, and/or Marion counties.

Josephine Chow

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

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

KMFA

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$19,000**

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

KOOP Radio (dba)

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

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

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.

Line Upon Line Percussion

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 Sounds of Texas, an end-of-summer festival presenting and celebrating a soundscape of recordings from participants across the state, to engage and attract Texan cultural tourists to Austin.

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

To support the Winter Composer Festival, serving high school students through free, individual composition lessons culminating in a live performance, in Austin.

Long Center (dba)

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$7,500**

To support THE DROP-IN, a free, summer concert series that celebrates Austin's music culture, attracting residents and out-of-town visitors to downtown Austin for months of live performances by local artists.

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

To support Long Reach for the Arts, a program that brings K-12th grade students from Austin and Round Rock Independent School District to experience the performing arts.

Lunar Foundation

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

To support NightMarket, a one-night, community-based event celebrating arts and culture in Cedar Park.

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

To support the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heroes Mural Campaign, providing public school students with opportunities to engage with art and history both in person and through augmented reality technology, in Austin.

LUV

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$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.

Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation

Arts Respond Performance Support \$1,405

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at LBJ Presidential Library & Museum in Austin, 09/21/25 - 09/21/25.

Martin Middle School/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support \$1,400

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at Martin Middle School in Austin, 09/04/25 - 09/04/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support \$1,400

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at Martin Middle School in Austin, 05/06/26 - 05/06/26.

Mass Gallery

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 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, a public engagement series that includes public markets, paid workshops, and artist shows and talks in East Austin designed to promote cultural tourism in the area and attract investment in local artists.

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.

Mexic-Arte Museum

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 \$7,500

To support the annual Viva la Vida Festival, which consists of festival activities and a parade that celebrates Dia de los Muertos traditions from pre-Columbian times to Austin today, driving cultural tourism and increasing access to the arts.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,700**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Bike Zoo to perform in downtown Austin, 10/25/25 - 10/25/25.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,500**

To support the Nuestro Mundo and Nuestro Estilo summer arts camps and tours, which provide underserved youth mentorship in culturally-focused artistic skills, in Austin.

MindPOP

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

To support an early learning pilot program in Austin Independent School District and United Way pre-kindergarten classrooms that provides instruction for both students and teachers to improve kindergarten readiness.

Motion Media 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 Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support the Artist Access Program, which provides artists with free studio access, workforce training, and paid creative pathways, to enable a new generation of artists who will be part of driving Austin's future creative economy.

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.

Museum of Human Achievement

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 **\$8,500**

To support the MoHLA Open Studios project, which partners grassroots organizations with individual artists to create public exhibitions and installations taking place during the annual East Austin Studio Tour.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$4,500**

To support Textile Politics, a project educating local textile artists, designers, and community members on sustainable fashion practices through workshops and events, in Austin.

Native American Cultural Center (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$5,335**

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

Old Settler's Music Festival

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Warren Hood to perform at Camp Ben McCulloch in Driftwood, 04/18/26 - 04/18/26.

Outsider Film & Arts Festival

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support the OUTsider festival, a multidisciplinary festival featuring local, national, and international artists, to inspire cultural tourism to Austin.

Overton Elementary/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,200**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at Overton Elementary in Austin, 09/26/25 - 09/26/25.

Padron Elementary/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,406**

Artistic fee subsidy for Sofrito y Su Melao to perform at Jaime Padron Elementary in Austin, 03/26/26 - 04/02/26.

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.

Polari

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

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

Print Austin Collective

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 **\$5,500**

To support Fresh Impressions, a multi-city initiative featuring an international print exhibition, workshops, a print exchange, and a podcast series, fostering connections between artists and audiences in Austin, Dallas, and Corpus Christi.

Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance

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 the Celebrando 2026 Heritage project, a celebratory cultural exchange between Austin's Puerto Rican and Asian-Indian communities featuring music, dance, workshops, and a festival that will draw in new audiences.

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

To support a year-long cultural arts and mentorship program working with at-risk students, participating in workshops studying dance, percussion and community theater in the Austin area.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$9,291**

To support the annual original community musical theater program, which brings together live music, dance, community theater, and stagefighting together for a new work in Six Square - Austin's Black Cultural District.

Rancho Alegre Radio

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

To support the Rancho Alegre Conjunto Music Festival, a multi-day event in Austin showcasing conjunto musicians from across the state that attracts residents and visitors.

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

To support a series of live conjunto music events at senior activity centers in the Austin area.

Red River Cultural District

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$24,750**

To support the Cultural Currents Exhibition, celebrating the Red River Cultural District's rich history, music, and traditions through immersive storytelling and interactive art, in Austin.

Red Salmon Arts

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support the Austin Latinx Micro-Book Festival, a two-day celebration of Hispanic and indigenous writers across Texas.

Reilly Elementary/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian to perform at Reilly Elementary in Austin, 03/30/26 - 03/30/26.

Ridgetop Elementary/Austin ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Drum One, Drum All/Noah Mosgofian to perform at Ridgetop Elementary in Austin, 12/19/25 - 12/19/25.

Rude Mechanicals

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 **\$6,000**

To support This is a Drill, This is Only a Drill, an immersive, three-part theatrical simulation designed to prepare audiences for possible future scenarios by practicing real-world wildfire evacuation and mutual aid strategies, in Austin.

Saiva

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Laser Spectacles to perform at Amy Donovan Plaza in Austin, 10/04/25 - 10/04/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$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.

Salvage Vanguard Theater

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

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

ScriptWorks (dba)

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

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

Sue Young

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

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Briscoe, Hall, and/or Childress counties.

Taranada

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

To support an evening of music blending Romani, Indian, and Texas musical traditions that will attract new audiences in Austin.

Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts

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 **\$4,075**

To support producing educational seminars and programming for Texas artist entrepreneurs that address common tax questions and concerns, guide compliance with federal tax regulations, and strengthen business practices.

Texas Archive of the Moving Image

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

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

Texas Association of Museums

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

To support the annual conference in McAllen, which will connect hundreds of museum professionals with cultural institutions across the Rio Grande Valley, generating economic activity and increasing visibility for the region's arts sector.

Texas Book Festival

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 **\$8,500**

To support the Texas Book Festival in Austin, featuring over 200 authors, live music, and vendors, to connect writers with readers and provide a statewide celebration of literacy, ideas, and imagination.

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

To support the statewide Reading Rock Stars Program that introduces Title I public elementary school students to the joy of reading and writing through visits with nationally recognized authors.

Texas Comedies

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 performances of the play 'The Crash at Crush,' a dramatization of the staged 1896 train crash near Waco, for audiences in Waco and Lewisville.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$3,000**

To support a performance of the musical 'Prohibition' in rural Freestone County.

Texas Early Music Project

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

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

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

To support a concert of music by Henry Purcell, to attract cultural tourists interested in historic and rarely performed music to Austin.

Texas Folklife

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 Big Squeeze Conjunto Apprenticeship Showcase in Dallas, Edinburg, and Houston, promoting Texas-Mexican musical traditions that will draw audiences from across Texas and stimulate the state's economy.

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

To support the Tejano-Norteno Convening, a series of events featuring discussions and concerts to be held at the Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame and Museum in San Benito.

Designated Funding - Folks Arts **\$35,000**

Support to conduct the statewide folk arts apprenticeships program, including related events and program documentation, September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026.

Texas State History Museum/State Preservation Board

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Native American Cultural Center (Great Promise) to perform at the Bullock Museum in Austin, 09/26/25 - 09/26/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,550**

Artistic fee subsidy for Two Tons of Steel to perform at the Bullock Museum in Austin, 04/25/26 - 04/25/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$700**

Artistic fee subsidy for Mr. Will/Will and The Wilderness to perform at the Bullock Museum in Austin, 04/25/26 - 04/25/26.

The Contemporary Austin (formerly AMOA-Arthouse)

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

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

Torch Literary Arts

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

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

Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum

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 **\$6,000**

To support Family Days, a free, monthly event designed for families to explore and create with activities, performances, goods from local vendors, and more, in Austin.

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.

Unlisted Projects

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,000**
To support a resident artist and public exhibition of art during the 2025 Austin Studio Tour.

UT Austin/Blanton Museum

Arts Respond Education **\$4,000**
To support K-12th grade arts education for students in Austin and the surrounding areas through in-person activities and digital resources.

UT Austin/Dept of Neuroscience

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$500**
Artistic fee subsidy for Chelsea de Souza to perform at the Norman Hackerman Bldg. and Dell Seton Ascension Hospital in Austin, 01/23/26 - 01/23/26.

UT Austin/Landmarks Art

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$16,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

UT Austin/Texas Performing Arts

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 **\$7,500**
To support a series of events in collaboration with the Fusebox Festival in Austin, featuring vivid, multidisciplinary live performances.

Arts Respond Education **\$7,000**
To support the Broadway School Day performance, an initiative that provides 6-12th grade students with access to live musical theater and an accompanying standards-based arts curriculum.

UT Austin/Visual 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 Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$7,500**
*To support Abby Flanagan's debut solo museum exhibition, *You Can't Fake an Aquifer*, which combines scientific research and artistic inquiry to examine the Edwards Aquifer.*

Vortex Repertory Company

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

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,000**
To support the Summer Youth Theatre, a tuition-free program for at-risk Austin youth, culminating in a performance.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$76,500**

To support the production of 'Another Kind of Silence,' a play which has a combined American Sign Language and spoken English script and engages both Deaf and hearing actors in Six Square - Austin's Black Cultural District.

Wells Branch Community Library District

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$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

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.

Women in Jazz Association

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

To support a series of jazz performances that celebrate jazz's legacy, expand public access, support professional artists, and mentor emerging talent, in Austin.

Writers' League of Texas

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 **\$7,000**

To support the Agents and Editors Conference in Austin, which attracts writers, editors, publishers, and agents from across the nation.

Zachary Scott Theatre Center

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$24,000**

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

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

To support the Family and School Theatre Series and the Reader's Theater residencies, providing Austin K-5th grade students and Title I elementary schools with educational theater productions and in-school artist residencies.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,500**

To support American Sign Language-interpreted performances that remove barriers to participation, ensuring Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing patrons can fully engage in live theatrical experiences, in Austin.

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.

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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