

Senator Judith Zaffirini

Texas Senate District: 21



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2026

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.

All Rhythms

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

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 biweekly music classes at Criss Cole Rehab Center for blind and visually impaired adults that teach piano, guitar, percussion, or voice, culminating in a concert with All Rhythm's band Sofrito y Su Melao, in Austin.

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

To support the All Rhythms Youth Ensemble, a program providing youth from Title I Austin schools with rehearsals, private lessons, and workshop and performance opportunities that build community connection through Afro-Caribbean music.

ARCOS Foundation 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.

Austin Lyric Opera

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 **\$4,000**

To support the presentation of Giacomo Puccini's 'La Boheme' at the Long Center in Austin, to attract and engage audiences.

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

To support Opera Treasure Chest, a program comprised of a curriculum and live on-campus opera performances that engage and educate students.

Crown Theatre (dba)

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

To support the production of an original holiday show, 'Lara Stone and the Lost Relic of St. Nick,' attracting regional audiences to the historic Scottish Rite Theater in Austin.

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

To support a summer theater program offering two camps and culminating in bilingual, student-led performances of original works, in Kyle.

Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Mariachi Las Alteñas to perform at Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre in George West, 09/27/25 - 09/27/25.

Down South Word Of Mouth

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,332**

To support Stories in Motion, which provides visual art, creative writing, and mindful movement classes for older adults in senior centers and communities in and around Kyle.

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

To support a weekly visual art and writing program serving incarcerated adults and youth in Hays County.

Habitable Spaces

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$3,500**

To support a group exhibition at the newly constructed community gallery in Kingsbury, serving the surrounding rural community while connecting regional artists to wider audiences.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,500**

To support a spring show highlighting the work of artists living in and around rural Kingsbury, and a summer show focused on south-central Texas' natural environment.

Indigenous Cultures Institute

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 Sacred Springs Powwow, a large Native American cultural festival featuring Indigenous music, dance, arts, and more, encouraging cultural tourism in Central Texas.

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

To support the Indigenous Arts and Summer Encounter, a week-long program giving youth in San Marcos the opportunity to connect with Native American heritage.

Karnes County/Kenedy Public Library

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$330**

Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Kenedy Public Library in Kenedy, 05/18/26 - 05/18/26.

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.

La Fenice

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

To support low-cost, conservatory-level physical theater training for Central Texas artists, culminating in a devised production in the East Austin area.

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

To support La Fenice's summer arts programming for teens, providing high-level training in both performing arts and arts production and administration, in Austin.

Laboratorio Arts

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

To support a series of artist-led multimedia concerts featuring original work blending music, visual elements, and storytelling to engage audiences in Brownsville, San Antonio, and Austin through live performance.

Laredo Center for the Arts

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

To support Caminarte, a monthly art market event offering exhibitions, music, dance, poetry, and related activities, attracting visitors to the downtown Laredo area.

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

To support Laredo Independent School District student participation in a multi-media classroom experience, culminating in a museum visit to experience the first printed 'Don Quixote' illustrations.

Commission Initiative - Crime Recovery Support **\$6,600**

To provide recovery support to an arts organization that was broken into and vandalized on April 1, 2026 resulting in significant damage to the facility that anchors the Laredo Cultural District.

Laredo Cultural District

Arts Respond Economic Development \$5,500

To support Caminarte: Student Impressions - A Pop-Up Art Experience, an initiative for students to present their artwork at local arts events, which will introduce youth to creative practice and strengthen the arts as a driver of downtown vitality.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services \$5,000

To support Streets to Studio, a visual arts initiative to empower shelter residents through monthly workshops, public art showcases, and community artist residencies.

Laredo Theater Guild International

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 Class on Stage, literature-based theatrical productions for high school students in Laredo and United Independent School Districts.

Martindale Community Library

Arts Respond Performance Support \$235

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at 413 Main Street in Martindale, 06/06/26 - 06/06/26.

Own Your Own Universe

Arts Respond Performance Support \$225

Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Emily Gimble to perform at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in San Marcos, 02/05/26 - 02/05/26.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice \$2,000

To support two distinct inclusive music camps for youth ages 12-17 who are at-risk, below the poverty line, or have special needs in the greater San Marcos area.

Poth Junior High/Poth ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support \$575

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Poth Junior High Gymnasium in Poth, 11/13/25 - 11/13/25.

Roma ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support \$4,930

Artistic fee subsidy for Main Street Theater to perform at Yamil Yunes Performing Arts Center in Roma, 02/03/26 - 02/05/26.

San Marcos Performing Arts Association

Arts Respond Performance Support \$1,350

Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Shelley King to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 06/04/26 - 06/04/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Guy Forsyth to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 06/11/26 - 06/11/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Two Tons of Steel to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 08/06/26 - 08/06/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Alex Meixner to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/02/26 - 07/02/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Del Castillo to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/23/26 - 07/23/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Combo to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/02/26 - 07/02/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Blue Water Highway to perform at Plaza Park Stage in San Marcos, 07/16/26 - 07/16/26.

SoCo Women's Chorus

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

To support SoCo Women's Chorus' Winter 2025 concert series, Fire & Ice, promoting economic activity and highlighting Austin's inclusive creative sector.

Soldier Songs and Voices

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$500**

Artistic fee subsidy for George Ensle to conduct workshops for veterans at TR Ranch in Hallettsville, 11/02/25 - 11/07/25.

Swan Songs Musical Last Wishes

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 **\$4,000**

To support performances for individuals receiving hospice care and their families in Austin area care centers.

TAMU/Department of Humanities

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,404**

Artistic fee subsidy for Texas Shakespeare Festival's Roadshow to perform at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, 11/10/25 - 11/11/25.

Tapestry Dance Company

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

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

Texas Music Partners

Arts Respond Education **\$3,500**

To support Live Music in the Schools, a program interactively and dynamically engaging Austin-area students in learning the etymology of musical styles through live, professional performances.

Travis County Parks Foundation

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Mr. Will/Will and The Wilderness to perform at Richard Moya Park in Austin, 04/18/26 - 04/18/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for the South Austin Moonlighters to perform at Richard Moya Park in Austin, 04/18/26 - 04/18/26.

TxSU/College of Fine Arts & Communication

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Blue Lapis Light to perform at The Tower in San Marcos, 10/23/25 - 10/24/25.

TxSU/Department of English

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

Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Ire'ne Lara Silva to perform at Texas State University in San Marcos and Kyle, 09/16/25 - 09/17/25.

United Day School of Laredo

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

Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at United Day School in Laredo, 05/15/26 - 05/15/26.

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.

Number of Awards: 58

Award Total: \$275,543