

Senator Jose Menendez

Texas Senate District: 26



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2026

Agarita Chamber Players

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 **\$5,500**

To support a free, collaborative public performance featuring GRAMMY Award-winning composer, singer, and violinist Caroline Shaw and violinist Suliman Tekalli at Stable Hall in San Antonio.

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

To support Inspiring Underserved Children through Music Education, a bilingual initiative bringing high-quality music education to Title I elementary schools in San Antonio.

Alamo City Performing Arts Association

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

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 a series of free performances of the ballet 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for military members and their dependents at three San Antonio locations.

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

To support an after-school dance program for at-risk youth in San Antonio.

Alamo Colleges Foundation

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$6,300**

Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Vincent Valdez to perform at Alamo Colleges District campuses in San Antonio, 01/01/26 - 08/31/26.

Anuja SA

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 **\$5,500**

To support the annual Diwali San Antonio Festival of Lights, engaging audiences at Hemisfair Park with multidisciplinary performances that celebrate Indian culture.

Arte y Pasion Flamenco and Spanish Performing Arts Company

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 **\$6,000**

To support a series of affordable performances and workshops in support of San Antonio's We Flamenco Fest, to encourage cultural tourism to the city.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,500**

To support providing flamenco performances and lecture-demonstrations to community members at veterans centers, homeless shelters, convalescent centers, and clinical care settings in San Antonio.

Artpace San Antonio

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 the International Artist-in-Residence and Curatorial Residency programs, a series of artist studio visits conducted around the state of Texas.

Ballet San Antonio

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

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

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$10,000**

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.

Bihl Haus Arts

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

To support structured, sensory-friendly art classes for neurodivergent young adults ages 18 and up to build creative skills, reduce social isolation, and strengthen community belonging, in San Antonio.

Briscoe Western Art Museum (dba)

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 Tejano Legacy: Another American Origin Story, an exhibition coinciding with America's 250th anniversary that traces the complexity of Tejano identity through the history of a single Tejano family, attracting visitors to San Antonio.

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

To support the free school tours program, which offers guided gallery exploration, hands-on activities, and transportation reimbursement to make standards-aligned educational experiences accessible to all San Antonio students.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for The Bike Zoo to perform at Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio, 01/24/26 - 01/24/26.

Centro Cultural Aztlan

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 **\$6,500**

To support the ZonArte holiday arts market, a free, multi-day festival featuring visual art and live performances at the two Galeria Expresion galleries in the Deco District of San Antonio.

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

To support the Superheroes in the Schools arts education program, culminating in a public exhibition of artwork by K-12th grade students from throughout San Antonio and Bexar County.

Chamber Choir of San Antonio

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

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

Children's Chorus of San Antonio

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

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,800**

To support the Music Together program, consisting of free classes for children and parents at Haven for Hope and the Battered Women and Children's Shelter to support early childhood development, strengthen family bonds, and foster joyful connection.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,800**

To support a summer music camp for at-risk youth at Boys and Girls Clubs in San Antonio, culminating in a concert hall performance.

Chromosome 18 Registry and Research Society

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$425**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Westin San Antonio North in San Antonio, 07/13/26 - 07/13/26.

Classical Music Institute

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

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

Conjunto Heritage Taller

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 **\$4,500**

To support a summer conjunto camp that offers accordion and bajo sexto experiences and specialty workshops to veterans, active military members, and young people, drawing audiences to San Antonio.

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

To support accordion, bajo sexto, and dance classes that promote wellness and community engagement for seniors, veterans, and their families, in San Antonio.

Contemporary at Blue Star (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 Education **\$5,000**

To support the Creative Classrooms program, which places professional artists in public schools in Harlandale Independent School District and in Rise Recovery's Rise Inspire Academy in San Antonio.

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

To support the MOSAIC Student Artist Program, a free, year-round, after-school studio intensive program that teaches the business of art to prepare San Antonio students for college and participation in the creative economy.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$52,500**

To support marking the San Antonio organization's 40th anniversary by commissioning renowned muralist Alex Rubio to complete a large-scale public art mural on the facade of their building in the King William Cultural District.

Converse Elementary/Judson ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$337**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Converse Elementary School in San Antonio, 04/09/26 - 04/09/26.

Culturingua

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

Artistic fee subsidy for The Bike Zoo to perform at Kinected in San Antonio, 03/28/26 - 03/28/26.

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

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 **\$6,000**

To support the annual Peace Market, a three-day, open-air arts festival featuring local San Antonio artisans.

Festival of Texas Fiddling

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

To support the Festival of Texas Fiddling, a three-day event at the historic Twin Sisters Dance Hall in Blanco, showcasing styles of fiddling across Texas regions and cultures through concerts, workshops, and dances.

Gemini Ink

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 **\$4,000**

To support the Veterans Writing Collective, a free monthly writing lab for active-duty military, veterans, and their families that fosters creativity, healing, and community in San Antonio.

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

To support summer writing workshops for at-risk and economically disadvantaged girls at Empower House in San Antonio.

Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center

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

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

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

To support Viva Mi Cultura, a Mexican folklórico and Spanish flamenco dance lecture-demonstration and performance series for K-12th grade students residing in socioeconomically disadvantaged and underserved communities in San Antonio.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,100**

Artistic fee subsidy for Los Texmaniacs to perform at Rosedale Park in San Antonio, 05/17/26 - 05/17/26.

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

To support Grupo Animo, a weekly summer theater arts camp for at-risk youth on San Antonio's Westside.

Isabella Cervera

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).

Jump-Start Performance Co.

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 **\$4,000**

To support Historias y Cuentos - Stories and Tales, an arts education program that works with students and teachers to infuse arts into the school day at Will Rogers Academy in San Antonio.

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

To support the Jump-Start Program at Fairweather Family Lodge in San Antonio, which connects families of unhoused women dealing with chronic mental illness to arts and life skills classes.

King William Cultural Arts District

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Carol Elliott to perform at Beautify San Antonio Park in San Antonio, 09/21/25 - 09/21/25.

Luminaria

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

To support the Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival, a free, multidisciplinary festival, to inspire youth and adults to visit downtown San Antonio.

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

To support a series of free exhibitions at a pop-up gallery on San Antonio's Eastside to contribute to community health and wellbeing.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$750**

Artistic fee subsidy for Laser Spectacles to perform at St. Paul Square in San Antonio, 10/18/25 - 10/18/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$375**

Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Octavio Quintanilla to perform at St. Paul Square in San Antonio, 10/18/25 - 10/18/25.

Magik Theatre

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 **\$5,000**

To support student matinees of 'Red Riding Hood,' for elementary students in San Antonio.

Majestic Empire Foundation (dba)

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

To support the Work and Play in Theater program, which provides San Antonio students with free master classes, workshops, and related training opportunities.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$7,000**

To support Arts Inside, a justice-centered pilot program that trains teaching artists, delivers Shakespeare workshops in the Bexar County Jail, and culminates in a public staged reading and civic dialogue.

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.

Martin Elementary/Northside ISD**Arts Respond Performance Support \$330**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Martin Elementary Library in San Antonio, 09/22/25 - 09/22/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support \$500

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Martin Elementary School in San Antonio, 09/19/25 - 09/19/25.

McDermott Elementary/Northside ISD**Arts Respond Performance Support \$324**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at McDermott Elementary in San Antonio, 03/24/26 - 03/24/26.

Murray E. Boone Elementary/Northside ISD**Arts Respond Performance Support \$330**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Boone Elementary in San Antonio, 09/26/25 - 09/26/25.

National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures**Arts Create - Operational Support \$11,000**

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

Network for Young Artists**Arts Create - Operational Support \$13,000**

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 a series of holiday music and dance performances in San Antonio area senior centers.

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

To support a summer multidisciplinary arts program for at-risk youth in San Antonio.

Northside ISD**Arts Respond Performance Support \$2,305**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at seven elementary schools in San Antonio, 10/20/25 - 10/24/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support \$3,437

Artistic fee subsidy for Chris Barton to perform at seven elementary schools in San Antonio, 10/20/25 - 10/24/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support \$2,182

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at nine elementary schools in San Antonio, 05/04/26 - 05/12/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$636**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at Northside Activity Center in San Antonio, 05/16/26 - 05/16/26.

Oak Hills Terrace Elementary PTA

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$750**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School in San Antonio, 05/04/26 - 05/04/26.

Olmos Ensemble

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 **\$3,100**

To support the final concert of the Olmos Ensemble Summer Concert Series, featuring repertoire by Samuel Barber, Alexander Borodin, and W.A. Mozart, drawing audiences to San Antonio.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,000**

To support a chamber music concert in San Antonio that will inspire communities to connect and overcome isolation and loneliness.

Opera San Antonio

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

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

Passmore Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$325**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Passmore Elementary Library in San Antonio, 03/25/26 - 03/25/26.

Public Theater of San Antonio (dba)

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

To support field trips for K-12th grade students from local Title I and other underserved schools to visit the Playhouse for hands-on theater experiences and a mini performance.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,500**

To support providing free theater arts and community programming to students from Title I and underserved schools.

San Anto Cultural 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 Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,500**

To support the El Placazo Community Newspaper program, which provides San Antonio youth the opportunity to build life skills to pave the way to higher education and employment opportunities.

San Antonio Blues Society

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Guy Forsyth to perform at Sam's Burger Joint in San Antonio, 11/21/25 - 11/21/25.

San Antonio Chamber Music Society

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

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

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

Artistic fee subsidy for WindSync to perform at Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, 03/01/26 - 03/02/26.

San Antonio Philharmonic

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

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

San Antonio Youth Ballet (dba)

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

To support a full-length, pre-professional production of 'The Nutcracker' that provides rigorous training for young dancers while expanding access to high-quality ballet through performances and community outreach.

Say Si

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 **\$5,000**

To support a summer camp in visual arts, media, and theater, artist residencies, and public events that allow at-risk youth to build skills, community, and connect with internationally-recognized artists, in San Antonio.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$33,000**

To support a project where students will work with the classical ensemble Agarita and musician Azul Barrientos to create original works, culminating in a two-part concert series, to attract visitors to San Antonio's Westside Cultural District.

SOLI Chamber Ensemble

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

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

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.

South Texas Symphonic Orchestra

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

To support a dynamic concert of orchestral music that will encourage travel and boost San Antonio's economy.

Spring Meadows Elementary/Judson ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$450**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Spring Meadows Elementary School in San Antonio, 04/17/26 - 04/17/26.

Teatro Audaz San Antonio

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 **\$5,500**

To support Nuestras Historias, a new play workshop that employs local artists, develops original stories, and culminates in public readings that attract audiences, support paid artistic work, and strengthen San Antonio's creative economy.

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

To support a series of bilingual theater arts workshops, performances, and educational clinics in local public schools that will engage K-12th grade students in culturally-relevant arts learning.

Tobin Center for the Performing Arts (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$20,000**

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

Urban 15 Group

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 **\$5,000**

To support Fables and Lore, a workshop series at Robert B. Green Elementary School in San Antonio that enhances the love of reading through the excitement of dramatic storytelling.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Combo to perform at Jaime's Place in San Antonio, 04/24/26 - 04/24/26.

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

To support Mega Corazon, an in-person and virtual poetry marathon for students in Title I schools and youth alternative centers in San Antonio.

UTSA 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 Health & Human Services **\$4,000**

To support On-Corps, a beginner and intermediate-friendly band program for veterans consisting of weekly professional instruction that helps foster personal expression and forge new connections with others, in San Antonio.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,500**

To support a series of events and engagement activities exploring the impacts of the arts in prisons, anchored by a presentation of 'Felon: An American Wasbi Tale,' featuring playwright Reginald Dwayne Betts, in San Antonio.

Villarreal Elementary/Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$717**

Artistic fee subsidy for Chris Barton to perform at Villarreal Elementary in San Antonio, 03/18/26 - 03/18/26.

Woodlawn Theatre

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 **\$4,500**

To support unique, specially themed, theater arts programs for students with intellectual disabilities in San Antonio, culminating in musical performances.

Youth Orchestras of San Antonio

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

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

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,500**

To support providing music education opportunities outside of public school systems for nearly 600 of Bexar County's youth.

Number of Awards: 113

Award Total: \$881,999