

Senator Kevin Sparks

Texas Senate District: 31



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2026

Amarillo Art Institute

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 **\$4,000**

To support Sunset Marketown, an arts and artisan market supporting local creatives and cultural tourism through vendor opportunities, live performances, art demonstrations, and family-friendly programming.

Amarillo Little Theatre

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 **\$4,000**

To support the Costume Inventory Project, a digital costume cataloging initiative that will improve production efficiency and enable future revenue through costume rentals.

Arts Respond Education **\$2,572**

To support the Access the Arts Project, an initiative that makes live theater field trips accessible to elementary students in the Amarillo area.

Amarillo Museum of Art

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 **\$6,000**

To support Route-66-themed exhibitions by photographer Ed Keating and artist Ed Ruscha that will draw visitors to the Texas Panhandle during The Route 66 Centennial.

Amarillo Opera

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

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

Amarillo Symphony

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$21,000**

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 premiere of a new composition, selected from works submitted by university students, at the Globe-News Center in Amarillo.

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

To support the Celebrating our Seniors initiative, a multi-day residency at the Park Place Towers Retirement Community curated to help residents address challenges of loneliness and cognitive well-being.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$21,250**

To support the Greater Southwest Music Festival, which provides K-12th grade students with performance and competition events across three days at venues in the Amarillo Arts Cultural District.

Amarillo Youth Choirs

Arts Respond Education **\$1,000**

To support a series of interactive educational concerts for elementary schools in Amarillo.

Andrews County Library

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$537**

Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Andrews County Library in Andrews, 06/02/26 - 06/02/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$346**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Andrews County Library in Andrews, 06/30/26 - 06/30/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$375**

Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at the James Roberts Center in Andrews, 06/16/26 - 06/16/26.

Arts Council of Midland

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

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

Blank Spaces Murals

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

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

City of Quitaque/Caprock Public Library

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$350**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Caprock Public Library in Quitaque, 07/22/26 - 07/22/26.

Ector County Library

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$537**

Artistic fee subsidy for Goodhearted Entertainment to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 06/03/26 - 06/03/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$308**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 07/08/26 - 07/08/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$345**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bernadette Nason to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 07/01/26 - 07/01/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$247**

Artistic fee subsidy for Magic in the Library to perform at Ector County Library in Odessa, 07/29/26 - 07/29/26.

Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin

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

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

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

To support Fine Arts Connection, an educational museum tour with hands-on activities for K-12th grade students across the Permian Basin.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$750**

Artistic fee subsidy for Pots-n-Prints to conduct workshops at the Ellen Noel Art Museum JBS Leadership Building in Odessa, 09/20/25 - 09/20/25.

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

To support the Teen Artist Residency Program and Art2Go summer programs that provide instruction and workshops for at-risk youth in Odessa.

Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,500**

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

Hoodoo Art Foundation

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$11,250**

To support the Hoodoo Mural Festival, a celebration involving mural creation, live music, children's activities, and more, in the Amarillo Cultural Arts District.

Javier Alessandro Dieguez

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).

La Rita Performing Arts 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 Performance Support **\$5,303**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Grand Ol' Production Company to perform at La Rita Performing Arts Theatre in Dalhart, 06/26/26 - 06/26/26.

Lone Star Ballet

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

To support a production of 'The Nutcracker,' attracting holiday audiences from the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico, and Oklahoma to Amarillo.

Magic in the Library

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

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Knox, Baylor, and/or Archer counties.

Midland Community Theatre

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

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

Midland County/Public Libraries

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$532**

Artistic fee subsidy for MCP Shows/Margaret Clauder to perform at two libraries in Midland, 07/07/26 - 07/07/26.

Midland Festival Ballet

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

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

Museum of the Southwest

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

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

Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities

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 **\$5,391**

Artistic fee subsidy for Texas Shakespeare Festival's Roadshow to perform at the Globe Theater in Odessa, 11/17/25 - 11/22/25.

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.

Pathways Through Music

Arts Respond Education **\$1,150**

To support providing Central Texas elementary public school students with artist-led, curriculum-aligned music instruction during the school day, to build musical literacy, creativity, and performance skills.

Reagan County/Public Library

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$325**

Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Reagan County 4-H Center in Big Lake, 06/16/26 - 06/16/26.

Window on a Wider World (formerly Globe News PA)

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 **\$3,500**

To support a program that provides structured, interactive sessions in dance, art, and music for at-risk youth ages 5-18, in Amarillo.

Number of Awards: 46

Award Total: \$323,068