

Senator Jose Menendez

Texas Senate District: 26



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2027 Year to Date

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 Education \$3,500

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming \$10,175

To support a collaborative performance with the Formosa String Quartet and pianist David Kaplan, as part of the Agarita Loft series, in the King William Cultural District of 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 Public Safety & Criminal Justice \$3,500

To support the After-School Dance Program, which provides free dance instruction in multiple genres to K-5th grade students and at-risk youth at Title I schools in San Antonio.

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 \$5,000

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 **\$3,500**

To support a performance and community dance celebration in honor of the International Day of Flamenco, during San Antonio's We Flamenco Fest.

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 **\$5,500**

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.

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

To support an outreach program which expands equitable access to live professional ballet by removing financial and transportation barriers for children from underserved communities.

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 Education **\$3,500**

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.

Centro Cultural Aztlán

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 **\$4,500**

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 San Antonio.

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 **\$4,000**

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.

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 **\$4,000**

To support the annual Tardeada, celebrating traditional conjunto music with performances by students and professional artists, and offering an exciting showcase 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 Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support a series of professional and workforce development workshops in San Antonio, to strengthen and empower artists as small business owners and increase economic impact.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$56,000**

To support Nourish, a large-scale exhibition and related programming that presents stories of how our lives, food, and culture intersect, in San Antonio's King William District.

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 **\$7,000**

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

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District **\$60,500**

To support a lighting and signage improvement to the cultural corridor linking the Rinconcito de Esperanza to the Solar Mural at JT Brackenridge Elementary School in San Antonio's Westside Cultural District.

Festival of Texas Fiddling

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

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.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,274**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Western Flyers to perform at Twin Sisters Dance Hall in Blanco, 12/04/26 - 12/04/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Luke Bulla to perform at Twin Sisters Dance Hall in Blanco, 12/05/26 - 12/05/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$650**

Artistic fee subsidy for Los Texmaniacs to perform at Twin Sisters Dance Hall in Blanco, 12/06/26 - 12/06/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$650**

Artistic fee subsidy for Alex Meixner to perform at Twin Sisters Dance Hall in Blanco, 12/05/26 - 12/06/26.

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 **\$5,000**

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.

Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas (dba)

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

Artistic fee subsidy for J Muzacx to conduct a mosaic workshop at Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve in San Antonio, 11/14/26 - 11/14/26.

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 Performance Support **\$1,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Los Texmaniacs to perform at Mission Marquee Plaza in San Antonio, 10/03/26 - 10/03/26.

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

To support La Vida de los Muertos 2026, a multidisciplinary celebration of Day of the Dead activating the Westside Cultural District through performance, visual arts, traditions, and community engagement.

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 Health & Human Services **\$3,500**

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.

Luminaria

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

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

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$375**

Artistic fee subsidy for State Artist Octavio Quintanilla to perform at Texas Public Radio in San Antonio, 11/14/26 - 11/14/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Los Texmaniacs to perform at the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, 11/14/26 - 11/14/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$993**

Artistic fee subsidy for Laser Spectacles to perform at Rosa Verde Towers in San Antonio, 11/14/26 - 11/14/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$957**

Artistic fee subsidy for Laser Spectacles to perform at the Alameda Theater in San Antonio, 11/14/26 - 11/14/26.

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 **\$3,500**

To support providing arts education for Title I schools in South Texas, with a focus on curriculum-aligned theater field trips.

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$37,500**

To support a comprehensive rebrand, including a new visual identity, program branding system, website redesign, and marketing toolkit to strengthen audience engagement and organizational growth, in San Antonio's King William Cultural District.

Majestic Empire Foundation (dba)

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,500**

To support the Creative Futures Youth Development Initiative, which uses performing arts experiences, professional mentorship, and school-based programming to strengthen the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of Bexar County youth.

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 **\$3,500**

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

Northside ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,460**

Artistic fee subsidy for Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, to perform at seven elementary schools in San Antonio, 10/27/26 - 12/11/26.

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

To support a performance featuring music by composers Miguel del Aguila, Vitezslava Kapralova, and Josef Foerster in San Antonio, to foster connection.

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.

Public Theater of San Antonio (dba)

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

To support the 2026-2027 season titled 'What We Do For Love.'

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 **\$3,000**

To support after-school, spring break, and summer programming for underserved youth ages 6-13, giving them access to free cultural arts opportunities.

San Antonio Botanical Society

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Azul Barrientos to perform at San Antonio Botanical Garden in San Antonio, 10/28/26 - 10/28/26.

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.

San Antonio Children's Museum

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Tio Toto to perform at San Antonio Children's Museum dba The DoSeum in San Antonio, 12/12/26 - 12/12/26.

San Antonio Mastersingers

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Danielle Talamantes, Kerry Wilkerson to perform at University Methodist Church in San Antonio, 12/06/26 - 12/06/26.

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 **\$6,000**

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 Economic Development **\$3,500**

To support the Dia de los Muertos Fest, showcasing student artists in live performances and demonstrations, while attracting visitors from the San Antonio community and beyond with family-friendly activities and art-making.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$13,750**

To support the Winter Arts and Music Festival featuring artwork and performances of local artists and musicians alongside Say Si students, 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.

South Texas Symphonic Orchestra

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

To support two free educational concerts for 4th and 5th grade students at the Tobin Center in San Antonio.

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 **\$5,000**

To support performances of 'Esperanza Rising,' which will employ Texas artists, engage audience members, attract visitors, support businesses, and strengthen San Antonio's creative economy.

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.

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

To support the Open House, a free event for the community to experience the Tobin, learn more about upcoming events, and receive discounts for performances, in San Antonio.

Trinity University/KRTU Radio

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,050**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dirty River Jazz Band to perform at the Little Carver Civic Center in San Antonio, 10/29/26 - 10/29/26.

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 **\$6,000**

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.

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 Performance Support **\$1,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for Danielle Talamantes, Kerry Wilkerson to perform at Coates Chapel and the UTSA Main Campus Arts Building in San Antonio, 11/12/26 - 11/12/26.

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 **\$3,500**

To support the Encore Program, which provides theatrical arts instruction for seniors at Salvation Army Senior Centers in San Antonio.

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 Education **\$3,500**

To support the String Pilot Program, an in-school music education program, and free children's concerts for Southside San Antonio elementary students impacted by budget cuts.

Number of Awards: 85

Award Total: \$876,284
