

Senator Cesar Blanco

Texas Senate District: 29



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2027 Year to Date

Ballroom Marfa

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

To support a free clay education initiative comprised of student gallery tours and workshops and a public workshop connecting contemporary Indigenous art with hands-on learning in rural West Texas.

Big Bend Bluegrass Association

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

To support the annual Big Bend Bluegrass Festival for audiences in Alpine, featuring world-class acoustic performances, workshops, and instrument initiatives that preserve traditional music in far west Texas.

Chinati Foundation/La Fundacion Chinati

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 **\$5,500**

To support the annual Chinati Weekend, which features exhibitions and a variety of activities to attract local, national, and international visitors to Marfa.

City of El Paso/Museums & Cultural Affairs Dept

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$29,750**

To support Chalk the Block, a signature fall festival that will boost tourism in the El Paso Downtown Cultural District and beyond.

Eden Performing Arts

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support educational performances of a parody of Act II of 'Hamlet' at high schools throughout El Paso.

El Paso Museum of Art/City of El Paso

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,500**

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$20,825**

To support Pop at the Border, an exhibition tracing the evolution of Pop Art, highlighting reinterpretations of popular culture, mass media, and life along the border, in the El Paso Downtown Cultural District.

El Paso Opera

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

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

El Paso Pro-Musica

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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 Music as Medicine initiative, which provides free musical performances to patients at area hospitals and senior centers, deaf students, and clients of social services organizations.

El Paso Symphony Orchestra

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

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

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

To support Christmas on Broadway concerts, a musical experience highlighting the cheerful and familiar sounds of Broadway alongside traditional holiday music, bringing audiences to the El Paso Downtown Cultural District.

Fab Lab El Paso

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

To support Maker to Artist: Wearable Plus Additive, a hands-on learning experience that supports participants in designing and creating original wearable artwork using contemporary digital fabrication techniques.

Frontera Arts and Education Collaborative

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,518**

To support Artful Healing, which provides clients of social services organizations and adults living with forms of dementia with art activities that support well-being, emotional health, and cognitive function, in El Paso.

Judd Foundation

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

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

Kids Excel El Paso

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

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

Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering

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 the Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering, an annual celebration of cowboy poetry, music, and storytelling held in the high desert of rural west Texas, to attract visitors to the region.

Marfa Live Arts (formerly Marfa 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 Education **\$5,000**

To support the Playwriting Prep Program, an initiative for local 7th-8th grade students that teaches critical thinking skills, provides tools for self-expression, and builds confidence.

Marfa Studio of Arts

Arts Respond Education **\$2,000**

To support the Studio in the Elementary School arts program, a school residency program providing preK-6th grade students with visual art instruction.

Tom Lea 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 Education **\$5,000**

To support classroom visits that utilize Tom Lea's artwork and complimentary standards-aligned curricula to teach 2nd-12th grade El Paso area students about local, regional, and national history.

UTEP/Art Galleries

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

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

Number of Awards: 26

Award Total: \$295,593