

Senator Brent Hagenbuch

Texas Senate District: 30



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2027 Year to Date

Art Room Denton (dba)

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

To support the Arts for Veterans program, which supports veterans' mental health through structured visual art classes, therapeutic arts activities, and support from mental health volunteers.

Arts Council of Wichita Falls/Kemp Center

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

To support a series of distance learning labs and virtual art gallery tours for K-12th grade students in Wichita Falls and the surrounding area.

Backdoor Theatre (dba)

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

To support a production of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' as part of the Creative Aging Series, which will feature a full cast and crew of older adults using theater to support their creativity, well-being, and social connections, in Wichita Falls.

City of Lewisville/MCL Grand

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$4,200**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Grand Ol' Production Company to perform at Lewisville Grand Theater in Lewisville, 11/20/26 - 11/20/26.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for The Peterson Brothers to perform at Wayne Ferguson Plaza in Lewisville, 09/25/26 - 09/25/26.

Denison Arts and Cultural District

Cultural District Project - District Management & Operations **\$16,250**

To support the district's first executive director, who will coordinate programming, improve partnership development, support artists and businesses, and manage visitor-focused initiatives.

Denison Arts Council

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

To support the Dia de los Muertos Festival, a community-centered celebration featuring music, dance, and art, fostering cross-cultural engagement, and entertaining audiences in Denison.

Denton Black Film Festival Institute

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 **\$7,000**

To support the annual Denton Black Film Festival, including screenings, panels, and multidisciplinary performances, to attract a variety of audiences to Denton.

Denton Community Theatre

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$2,750**

To support Voices Together, an educational mentorship program that partners performance and technical theater students with experienced adult artists for performances of a major musical theater production in the Original Denton District.

Denton Day of the Dead Festival

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$45,000**

To support Denton's Day of the Dead Festival, a free, immersive, family-friendly celebration with original music, performances, and visual arts, that activates local artists and businesses to attract visitors to the Original Denton District.

Denton Festival Foundation

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

To support the annual Denton Arts and Jazz Festival, a free, outdoor festival, which brings live music and fine arts to downtown Denton.

Denton Holiday Festival Association

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Combo to perform at Quakertown Park in Denton, 12/05/26 - 12/05/26.

Greater Denton Arts Council

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$3,500**

To support Rooted Futures, An Archive of Possible Places, a collaborative community project and culminating exhibition that combines speculative design, storytelling, and ecological observation to explore the possibilities of a sustainable future.

Commission Initiative - Regional Training for Artists **\$20,000**

To support hosting the Prairies and Lakes regional cohort of Texas artists of all disciplines in the Artist Inc. professional development training program.

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

To support Video Art Night, which will transform the Original Denton District from a daytime music venue into a nighttime outdoor exhibition, featuring video artworks by regional and national artists as well as local musicians.

Little Elm Public Library/Town of Little Elm

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$212**

Artistic fee subsidy for Nancy Churnin to perform at Little Elm Public Library in Little Elm, 11/07/26 - 11/07/26.

McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra (dba)

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 **\$5,000**

To support chamber music recitals by youth orchestra members in Denton-area senior centers and assisted living homes.

Melody of Hope

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 **\$3,500**

To support the Music on Main live music series, which activates downtown Frisco and Celina with performances to attract regional cultural tourists, boost retail sales, and create paid jobs for Texas independent artists.

Original Denton District/City of Denton

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$54,450**

To support the annual 31 Days of Halloween Denton event, an immersive art festival that takes place during the entire month of October and will feature more than 350 events and interactive placemaking throughout the Original Denton District.

Our Productions Theatre Company (dba)

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

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

Sherman Community Players

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,185**

To support a production of 'The Addams Family Musical,' attracting new and returning audiences to the family-friendly event in the Sherman Cultural District.

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$1,500**

To support a new billboard designed to increase the theater's visibility and direct people to the Sherman Cultural District.

Sherman Symphony 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 Education **\$3,500**

To support the Children's Educational Concert, providing fifth graders from Sherman Independent School District with their first classical music concert experience.

Tejas Storytelling Association

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 **\$3,250**

To support the services of American Sign Language interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing at the annual Texas Storytelling Festival in Denton.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$3,750**

To support venue rental for the Texas Storytelling Festival in the Original Denton District.

Texas Filmmakers

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$17,325**

To support the Thin Line Fest, a free five-day arts festival with a focus on documentary films, live music, and photography in the Original Denton District.

Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture

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 **\$5,500**

To support producing seven monthly Art Walks in downtown Wichita Falls featuring paid artists and teaching artists who will provide hands-on arts experiences to attract visitors and strengthen local economic activity.

Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra

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 standards-aligned music education programming, comprised of a young people's concert, an artist-in-residence program, and an instrument petting zoo.

Wichita Falls Youth Symphony Orchestra

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 the Gail Key Academy of Music, a community music school providing subsidized private and small group Suzuki string instruction to students in the Wichita Falls area.

Number of Awards: 39

Award Total: \$385,522