Anice Read Fund Projects
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The Anice Read Fund is named for Anice Read, a founder of the Texas Downtown Association. The Fund was formed in 1999 to honor her legacy and her contributions to Texas downtowns. Grants from the fund are used for a variety of purposes including physical projects, professional development, and program and staff development.

Anice was a beloved and passionate advocate for the historical preservation of Texas downtowns, believing them to be the lifeblood and true heart of a community. She was appointed to the Texas Historical Commission in 1968 and became the first director of the Texas Main Street Program, a THC division.

During her tenure at the Texas Main Street Program, she worked directly with more than 100 Texas communities in restoring and revitalizing the historic fabric of their downtowns. She realized early on that the Main Street Program would not be able to meet the needs of all communities, and founded TDA to fill that void. Three years after her retirement, following a courageous battle with cancer, Anice passed away on November 30, 1999.
Anice Read Fund Facts

Founded: 1999, first grants in 2000

Managed by: Communities Foundation of Texas

Total grants awarded as of December 2019: $152,100.00

Total project costs: $5,163,178.00

For a full list of grant recipients and awards, please visit our website: www.texasdowntown.org/anice-read-grants.html
Cuero

Year: 2018

Grant: $2,500.00
Total cost: $11,500.00

Purpose: Downtown alley revitalization
Eden

Year: 2014

Grant: $2,000.00
Total cost: $2,800.00

Purpose: Downtown WiFi
El Campo

Year: 2016

Grant: $2,000.00
Total cost: $21,252.00

Purpose: Downtown master plan development
Elgin

Year: 2000

Grant: $1,200.00
Total cost: $98,864.00

Purpose: Downtown train depot restoration
Gonzales

Year: 2009

Grant: $1,600.00
Total cost: $5,437.00

Purpose: Downtown handrail project
Killeen

Year: 2009

Grant: $800.00
Total cost: $10,140.00

Purpose: Downtown wayfinding signage
La Grange

Year: 2018

Grant: $2,000.00
Total cost: $6,285.00

Purpose: Small business workshops
Levelland

Year: 2014 & 2015

Grants: $7,050.00
Total cost: $33,440.00

Purpose: Downtown business signage
Mexia

Year: 2016

Grant: $3,200.00
Total cost: $15,000.00

Purpose: Downtown mural project
Monahans

Year: 2009

Grant: $2,500.00
Total cost: $67,025.00

Purpose: Downtown park
Odessa

Year: 2006 & 2008

Grants: $3,200.00
Total cost: $34,500.00

Purpose: Downtown mural project phases
Paris

Year: 2014

Grant: $5,000.00
Total cost: $45,000.00

Purpose: Downtown handicap accessible restrooms
Rio Grande City

Year: 2017

Grant: $1,600.00
Total cost: $3,200.00

Purpose: Downtown bench repairs
Rockwall

Year: 2016

Grant: $2,500.00
Total cost: $10,000.00

Purpose: Downtown informational kiosks
Seguin

Year: 2011

Grant: $1,000.00
Total cost: $1,200.00

Purpose: Downtown professional development seminars for business owners
Smithville

Year: 2017

Grant: $1,500.00
Total cost: $3,000.00

Purpose: Downtown wayfinding signage
Strawn

Year: 2018

Grant: $4,700.00
Total cost: $9,200.00

Purpose: Downtown depot renovations
Waxahachie

Year: 2017
Grant: $1,500.00
Total cost: $3,000.00
Purpose: Downtown art kaleidoscope
How to donate

To donate by credit card, please visit the Communities Foundation of Texas website: https://portal.cftexas.org/anice-read

To donate by check, make the check out to the Anice Read Fund and mail to:

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