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Funding to help residents of Tobin Center with productions

County Judge Nelson Wolff and Commissioner Paul Elizondo presented checks to the San Antonio Symphony, Ballet San Antonio and OPERA San Antonio — all resident organizations of the Tobin Center — on Wednesday to help fund productions in the new performing arts center.

“A city that does not have a ballet, a symphony and an opera is not a world class city,” Commissioner Elizondo said. “We are providing this funding so that we can ensure the success of these three cultural treasures in their first season at the Tobin Center.”

The San Antonio Symphony and Ballet San Antonio each received \$50,000 and OPERA San Antonio received \$75,000. The funding comes from the Community Venues Program, which uses a mix of hotel/motel occupancy and short-term vehicle rental taxes.

“OPERA San Antonio recently regrouped and formed a new organization, so we felt they needed a little extra funding to help them be successful in their inaugural season,” Judge Wolff said. “The voters overwhelmingly approved funding the construction of the Tobin, and we want to help the organizations in this facility make the best use of it.”

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