



## Anice Read Committee

**Committee Purpose:** To facilitate awareness and growth of the Anice Read Fund, the grant fund created by Texas Downtown and managed by Communities Foundation of Texas. Anice Read founded the Texas Main Street Program and Texas Downtown and this fund celebrates her legacy by providing grants to programs throughout Texas to support downtown revitalization.

**2026 Co-Chairs:** Rebeca Huffman, City of Crockett & Amy Tidwell, City of Corsicana

### Priorities:

- Raise funds for the grant program.
- Continue to raise awareness of Anice Read's legacy.

### Committee Responsibilities:

- Make a gift. Everyone on the committee and every board member of Texas Downtown makes a gift to the Anice Read fund.
- Attend and share ideas at monthly virtual meetings.
- Contact communities to donate one of two travel packages for the May Historic Preservation Month fundraiser.
- Promote the Anice Read May fundraiser.
- Promote grant applications to the Anice Read fund.
- Work the silent auction at the annual conference.
- Review applications and make recommendations to the Board for approval of grant funding.
- Send thank you notes to donors.

### Committee Timeline:

- January: Kick-off meeting.
- May: Celebrate Anice Read during Historic Preservation Month. Anyone donating \$50 or more is entered to win one of two destination trips. Every \$50 earns a chance to win.
- June: Announce winners of the online fundraiser.
- July – August: Promote past projects and Anice Read fund applications.
- August – September: Promote donations to silent auction at conference.
- September: Review applications to the Anice Read fund and make recommendations to the Board for approval.
- October: Host the silent auction at conference and announce winners.
- November: Promote winners of Anice Read grants.
- November-December: Send thank you notes to those who gave to the auction.

### Staff Responsibilities:

- Conduct pre-application grant meetings with applicants.
- Coordinate grant accounting with Communities Foundation of Texas.
- Develop promotional and marketing materials.