

Senator John Whitmire

Texas Senate District: 15



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2020

14 Pews

Arts Create - Operational Support \$5,500

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

Arts Respond Economic Development \$2,500

To support the Bechdel Film Festival promoting women filmmakers and screenwriters to attract visitors to Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act \$1,362

To provide Texas CARES Act relief support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

Apollo Chamber Players

Arts Create - Operational Support \$9,500

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

Arts Respond Economic Development \$5,000

To support 'MoonStrike', a concert featuring the world premiere of a new work by a Native American classical composer that honors the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing to attract visitors to Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services \$2,500

To support the Music Together program, which provides early childhood music experiences for at-risk children attending the Fonwood Early Childhood Center in east Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act \$1,361

To provide Texas CARES Act relief support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

Art League of Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support \$11,500

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,500**

To support Healing Arts, a program for Houston adults living with severe chronic illness, which provides studio art classes and opportunities to exhibit and sell their work.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,000**

To support the High School Studio Art Intensive program, providing affordable studio art courses for economically disadvantaged students in Houston Independent School District.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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Cantare Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$5,500**

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

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**

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Catastrophic Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$6,500**

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

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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Childrens Prison Arts Project

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

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,500**

To support Act Healthy to Stay Healthy workshops, which use improvisational theater to help girls at the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center and Youth Village express their experiences and reduce risky behavior around teenage sex and pregnancy.

Arts Respond Public SafetyCriminal Justice **\$4,500**

To support arts-based intervention and prevention programs for youth at the Harris County Youth Village in southeastern Harris County.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**

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Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,500**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**

To support educational museum tours for K-12 grade students from Houston public schools.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**

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Enhancements to the District **\$100,000**

To support enhancements to the Houston Museum District with expansions to the Eleanor and Frank Freed Garden, increased exterior lighting, updated signage, driveway repairs, and the construction of a parking lot.

Da Camera of Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,500**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,000**

To support Music Encounter Residencies, conducted by members of the Da Camera Young Artists Program, at the HUB Houston and Houston Independent School District special education, serving children with neurological differences in specific programming.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$2,000**

To support a two-week drumming residency at Today's Harbor, a home for abused and neglected youth in Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**

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Dance Source Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$3,500**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,000**

To support the Barnstorm Dance Fest that showcases emerging and established choreographers at the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,500**

To support the Day of Dancer Health, providing dancers, choreographers, and dance educators with free health screenings by healthcare professionals in partnership with Dance USA's Taskforce on Dancer Health.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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Diaz Music Institute

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$5,500**

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 Holiday Latin Music Festival featuring multicultural musical programming and to attract audiences from Houston and across the state.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,500**

To support a three-week summer music workshop for at-risk youth in Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**
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DiverseWorks

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,500**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**
To support a lecture and performance by Nick Vaughan and Jake Margolin titled 'Houston/New Orleans: A History of Exchange', which explores the exchange of ideas between LGBTQ individuals in Houston and New Orleans, that will attract a national audience.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**
To support the multi-sensory performance of Virginia Grise's 'rasgos asiaticos,' including programming related to indigenous, Chinese, and Mexican culinary and agricultural tradition in the Houston area.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**
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Emanuel Bean

Commission Initiative - Rural Tour **\$4,000**
Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give a rural tour with at least one performance in Upshur County and five more in Camp, Cass, Marion, Rains, Upshur, and/or Wood counties, March 1-May 31, 2020.

Express Children's Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$4,500**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,500**
To support the Hilltop Festival for Children at Miller Outdoor Theatre, featuring four different productions over four consecutive days.

Arts Respond Education **\$1,500**
To support One Voice, Once Vote, an interactive theater performance for elementary school students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**
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Foundation for Modern Music

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$7,500**
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Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**
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Freneticore

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$3,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$4,000
<i>To support the Houston Fringe Festival, a three-week multi-disciplinary showcase that attracts visitors to the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston in the Midtown Arts and Entertainment District.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,362
<i>To provide Texas CARES Act relief support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.</i>	

Garden Oaks Elementary PTO

Arts Respond Performance Support	\$1,386
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Creativity Shell to provide weekly sewing/textile arts classes in Houston, January 1-March 26, 2020.</i>	

Glassell School of Art/MFAH

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$10,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
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Gordon Education Initiatives PA

Arts Respond Education	\$6,000
<i>To support an arts integration online media curriculum for K-5 Houston ISD classrooms.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
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Harris County Cultural Arts Council

Arts Respond Performance Support	\$3,000
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for FLY Dance Company to perform in Houston, June 5-7, 2020.</i>	
Arts Respond Performance Support	\$797
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Toni Simmons to perform in Houston, June 12-14, 2020.</i>	

Houston Ballet Foundation

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$22,000
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,362
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High Quality Arts Programming	\$130,000
<i>To support new marketing efforts for the annual production of 'The Nutcracker' that will increase cultural tourism to the Houston Theater District and ticket purchases from outside the Houston area.</i>	

Houston Boychoir

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$10,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$3,000
<i>To support free community service concerts for patients in hospitals and seniors in nursing homes and senior facilities in the Houston area.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
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Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$7,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Natural ResourcesAgriculture	\$4,500
<i>To support the Craft Garden, which will spotlight native and introduced plants that serve as materials for fiber arts, culminating with the Hands-on Houston Family Festival.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,362
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Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts	\$2,500
<i>To support a hand-on arts education program serving youth and their families in the Houston area.</i>	
Signage and Wayfinding	\$40,500
<i>To support the development and implementation of signage and way-finding tools to increase safety and attract visitors to the Houston Museum District.</i>	

Houston Center for Photography

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$8,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$2,000
<i>To support a series of lectures and conversations between photographers, writers, and thinkers, with monthly events in April, May and June, attracting audiences from Texas and beyond.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$4,500
<i>To support Picture This!, a hands-on education photography outreach program conducted at the Texas Children's Hospital, Culture of Health Advancing Together, and senior centers in the Houston area.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,362
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Houston Children's Chorus

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$9,500
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Houston Cinema Arts Society	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
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Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
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Houston Early Music	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
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Houston International Dance Coalition	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$7,500
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Inprint	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$14,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Public SafetyCriminal Justice	\$1,500
<i>To support poetry workshops for inmates in the Harris County Sheriff's Office Reentry Services program.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,362
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Jones Primary/Aldine ISD	
Arts Respond Performance Support	\$632
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Storybook Theatre of Texas to perform in Humble on February 12, 2020.</i>	
Lawndale Art Center	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
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McDougle Elementary/Klein ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,100**
Artistic fee subsidy for Alley Theatre to conduct the Staging STEM workshop in Houston, March 16-27, 2020.

Menil Foundation

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$16,500**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**
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Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$16,500**
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 Art for the Mind and Spirit, an outreach program of art activities for young patients at the Texas Children's Hospital, Children's Cancer & Hematology Center and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, and Ronald McDonald House.

Arts Respond Public SafetyCriminal Justice **\$4,000**
To support Glassell-on-the-Go, a program offering afterschool mobile art classes at Houston public libraries, culminating in a student exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**
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High Quality Arts Programming **\$250,000**
To support bringing the exhibition, Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power 1963-1983, to the Houston Museum District, featuring approximately 125 artworks.

Music Doing Good

Arts Respond Public SafetyCriminal Justice **\$3,500**
To support Music Doing Good in Schools, an afterschool program for youth at Title I schools in Houston.

Newspring

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$2,500**
To support free arts and culture programs, after school and during the summer, for underserved students in Houston.

NobleMotion Dance

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,500**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**
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Opera in the Heights

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,500**

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Positive Project

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,500**

To support the production of an original play focused on empowering victims and survivors of sexual abuse and trafficking and inspiring them to change their situation, in Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,500**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$2,000**

To support ROCO Anytime, Anywhere, a community outreach program that provides on demand programs and DVDs of live concerts to hospitals, hospice care centers, nursing homes, and retirement communities in Greater Houston.

Arts Respond Natural ResourcesAgriculture **\$4,000**

To support a collaborative performance and tour of 'Peter and the Raptors!' to promote natural resource and wildlife conservation, with the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences and Magpies & Peacocks.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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Rothko Chapel

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$14,500**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$1,500**

To support a talk in Houston by Nobel Prize-winning neuroscientist Eric Kandel, who will explore the links between science and art, including how a reductionist approach has been employed by both modern artists and scientists.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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Enhancements to the District **\$50,000**

To support enhancements to the Houston Museum District with the restoration of the chapel, including renovated lighting designs, entryways, and building interiors.

Several Dancers Core

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$3,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Health & Human Services	\$3,500
<i>To support the Dynamic X-Change Healing Arts Program, which provides dance and creative movement instruction to children at the Houston Area Women's Shelter and to refugee teens at Partnerships for the Advancement & Immersion of Refugees in Houston.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
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Silambam Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$2,000
<i>To support RASA 2020, a dance intensive focusing on Indian classical dance and western dance forms, aimed at attracting participants from Houston and across the state.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,362
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Stages Repertory Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$9,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$4,000
<i>To support Sin Muros Latinx Theater Festival, with the goal of attracting local and regional Latinx audiences with fully bilingual programming and activities aimed at youth and families.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
<i>To provide Texas CARES Act relief support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.</i>	

Summerwood Elementary PTO

Arts Respond Performance Support	\$853
<i>Artistic fee subsidy for Rhythm Path to conduct drumming workshops in Houston on December 18, 2019.</i>	

Texas Photographic Society

Arts Create - Operational Support	\$4,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$2,000
<i>To support the biennial National Photography Award exhibition in conjunction with FotoFest 2020 to attract visitors to Houston.</i>	
Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act	\$1,361
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Uptown Dance Company

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$3,500**

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

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,362**

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Writers In The Schools

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$17,500**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$2,500**

To support writing workshops based on the visual arts for K-12th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$4,000**

To support writing and digital storytelling classes targeting at-risk youth in the Fifth Ward neighborhood of Houston.

Commission Initiative-Texas CARES Act **\$1,361**

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Number of Awards: 128

Award Total: \$1,097,365