

# Senator John Whitmire

Texas Senate District: 15



## Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2021

### 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** **\$2,000**

*To support the filming, editing, and screening of the original, multi-layered cultural program, Rent Strike Project, at outdoor venues in several Texas cities.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan 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 Beethoven 250 with Tracy Silverman, a digital concert and world premiere broadcast of a new commission by composer Kimo Williams, with a Q & A discussion.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,407**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan 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** **\$4,000**

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

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

*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 RESCUE** **\$2,407**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

### **Arts Connect Houston**

**Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts** **\$6,300**

*Support to bridge the arts equity gap by creating arts-rich campuses at Houston ISD schools partnerships with arts & culture organizations.*

### **Cantare Houston**

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

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

### **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 RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

### **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** **\$4,000**

*To support Act Healthy to Stay Healthy, which uses virtual creative writing workshops to help female inmates at the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center express their experiences and reduce risky behavior around teenage sex and pregnancy.*

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

*To support arts-based intervention and prevention programs via STREETWISE, an arts magazine for youth at the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center, Burnett-Bayland Rehabilitation Center, and the Harris County Leadership Academy in Houston.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

### **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** **\$5,000**

*To support a package of short videos and lesson plans to supplement arts education in K-12th grade classrooms in the Houston area.*

<b>Commission Initiative-Creative Forces</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<i>Support for art activities and programming offered to military families as an additional feature of the Blue Star Museums program for summer 2021.</i>	
<b>Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE</b>	<b>\$2,407</b>
<i>To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.</i>	
<b>Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<i>To support the completion of facility renovations, signage, and additional parking for an improved experience for visitors to the Houston Museum District.</i>	

## **Da Camera of Houston**

<b>Arts Create - Operational Support</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
<b>Arts Respond Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<i>To support Music Encounter Residencies, conducted by members of the Da Camera Young Artists Program, serving children with neurological differences at the HUB Houston and Houston Independent School District special education services.</i>	
<b>Arts Respond Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<i>To support a two-week drumming residency at Today's Harbor, a home for abused and neglected youth in Houston.</i>	
<b>Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE</b>	<b>\$2,406</b>
<i>To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.</i>	
<b>Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming</b>	<b>\$122,151</b>
<i>To support the 2021 Jazz Series concert series, featuring Marquis Hill, Pat Metheny, Dafnis Prieto and Joni Mitchell, that will attract visitors to the Houston Theater District.</i>	

## **Dance Source Houston**

<b>Arts Create - Operational Support</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
<b>Arts Respond Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<i>To support the Dancer Health and Wellness series, a series of health-focused workshops for dancers in the Houston area.</i>	
<b>Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE</b>	<b>\$2,407</b>
<i>To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.</i>	

## **Diaz Music Institute**

<b>Arts Create - Operational Support</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
<b>Arts Respond Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
<i>To support an in-person and virtual three-week summer music workshop for at-risk youth in Houston.</i>	

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,407**  
*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

#### **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** **\$2,720**  
*To support a virtual lecture and studio visits to Houston area artists by New York independent curator and cultural critic Larry Ossei-Mensah.*

**Arts Respond Health & Human Services** **\$2,500**  
*To support the online premieres of virtual programs and artist talks by Sara Dittrich and Yue Nakayama in Houston, in which they explore artistic investigations into the physical, psychological, and emotional impacts of the environment on the human body.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,407**  
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#### **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.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

#### **Foundation for Modern Music**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$7,500**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
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#### **Freneticore**

**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 first Texas Latino/ a Contemporary Dance Festival, where established and emerging Latinx choreographers are invited to present work during the multiple-day event in Houston.*

**Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture** **\$3,000**  
*To support in-person and virtual green art craft workshops for community members, which will be part of the production of an original dance piece focused on creating a sense of community and togetherness in Houston.*

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$500**  
*Artistic fee subsidy for Tejas Dance to perform in Houston, October 1-November 15, 2020.*

## **Freneticore (Pilot Dance)**

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

## **Glassell School of Art/MFAH**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$10,500**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,407**  
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## **Harris County Cultural Arts Council**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$3,300**  
*Artistic fee subsidy for FLY Dance Company to perform at Harris County Cultural Arts Center in Houston, 6/15/2021 - 8/31/2021*

## **Houston Ballet Foundation**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$22,000**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

**Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming** **\$150,000**  
*To support costs associated with David Bintley's adaption of Aladdin, with the goal of increased ticket sales from outside the Houston area.*

## **Houston Boychoir**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$10,500**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

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## **Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$7,500**  
*To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
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## **Houston Center for Photography**

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

**Arts Respond Health & Human Services** **\$5,500**

*To support Picture This!, a hands-on photography education program conducted with pandemic safety measures for children battling cancer at Texas Children's Hospital and immigrant youth at St. Jerome Emiliani Foster Care.*

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

*To support Collaborations, a program that connects Houston-area high school students through photography instruction and culminates in a professionally-mounted exhibition.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

**Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts** **\$2,000**

*Support for Picture This! a program to teach Houston students to use photography as a tool for personal expression while learning camera basics.*

### **Houston Children's Chorus**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$9,500**

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

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

*To support Music in the Schools, providing a choir director for after-school choir classes at Title I schools that cannot afford a music teacher.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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### **Houston Cinema Arts Society**

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

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

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### **Houston Early Music**

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

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

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$1,250**

*Artistic fee subsidy for Austin Troubadours to perform in Houston on October 10, 2020.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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### **Houston International Dance Coalition**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$7,500**

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

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#### **Inprint**

**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** **\$3,000**  
*To support creative writing workshops for healthcare workers at Harris Health System in Houston.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
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#### **Jones Middle School/Aldine ISD**

**Arts Respond Performance Support** **\$400**  
*Artistic fee subsidy for Ensemble Theatre to perform in Humble on March 26, 2021.*

#### **Lawndale Art Center**

**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 Sankofa Project, which commissions new works examining issues of race and equality for a window exhibition in Houston.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
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#### **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 RESCUE** **\$2,406**  
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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** **\$5,500**  
*To support Art for Mind and Spirit, a program that brings visual arts projects to patients and their families, hospital staff, and senior citizens isolated due to COVID-19, at Texas Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and YMCAs in Houston.*

**Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice** **\$5,000**  
*To support Glassell-on-the-Go, a virtual program offering afterschool mobile art classes at Houston public libraries and free family passes for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

**Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming** **\$200,000**

*To support the debut of major site-specific commissioned artworks to mark the opening of the new Nancy and Rich Kinder Building and attract visitors to the Houston Museum District.*

## **Musiqqa**

**Arts Respond Education** **\$7,000**

*To support interactive educational concerts and music workshops for K-12th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.*

## **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 RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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## **Open Dance Project**

**Arts Respond Education** **\$7,500**

*To support dance theater workshops for K-12th grade students in Houston area schools.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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## **Opera in the Heights**

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

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

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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## **Positive Project**

**Arts Respond Economic Development** **\$3,000**

*To support a socially-distanced production of Sister Rudie Poot & The Preacher Who Thought He Could, which will be shown to audiences in Houston, including residents of economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.*

**Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice** **\$1,500**

*To support the production of an original play focused on the community and familial conditions that can contribute to criminal behavior, in Houston.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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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** **\$4,000**

*To support ROCO on the Go, a community outreach program that provides free, interactive access to a curated selection of live concert recordings for patients and their families, conducted in partnership with Texas Children's Hospital.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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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.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

**Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District** **\$225,000**

*To support completion of phase one of renovations to the Rothko Chapel and the new Suzanne Deal Booth Welcome House, which will attract visitors to the Houston Museum District for the Chapel's 50th anniversary.*

## Several Dancers Core

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

*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 the continuation of the Dynamic X-Change Healing Arts Program, which provides dance and creative movement instruction to children at the Houston Area Women's Shelter, using a virtual format until it is safe to transition back to live classes.*

## Silambam Houston

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

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

**Arts Respond Education** **\$5,000**

*To support Dancing into STEM, providing arts integration classes using Indian classical dance and music for K-5th grade students in the Clear Creek and Houston school districts.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,407**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

## Stages Repertory Theatre

**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** **\$3,500**

*To support Sin Muros: A Latinx Theater Festival, a celebration of work that reflects the diversity of Texas communities, with new streaming performances and reconfigured theater spaces in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

*To provide Texas RESCUE Plan support to arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 virus.*

**Texas Photographic Society**

**Arts Create - Operational Support** **\$4,500**

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

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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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 RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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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** **\$5,500**

*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** **\$3,000**

*To support a summer learning lab focusing on spoken word poetry for at-risk youth in Houston.*

**Commission Initiative-Texas RESCUE** **\$2,406**

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**Number of Awards: 118**

**Award Total: \$1,304,652**