

Senator John Whitmire

Texas Senate District: 15



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2023

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 **\$1,500**

To support Silk Threads, a multicultural concert and related programming featuring commissioned music by Chinese-American composer Wang Jie, in Houston.

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 **\$3,000**

To support the Healing Art Program, providing art instruction to Houston-area adults living with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities.

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

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

Aurora Picture Show

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$15,500**

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.

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 initiatives involving residencies for teaching artists to work closely with teacher advisory group members, culminating in field trips to serve those members' students, in Houston.

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 Education **\$4,000**

To support the Music Encounters program that brings classical music and jazz musicians into elementary school classrooms, using music as a catalyst for teaching core subjects, in Houston.

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

To support a drumming residency for youth in the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$225,000**

To support Da Camera's Jazz Series and SUMMERJAZZ Festival in the Houston Theater District.

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 local and regional choreographers at the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston.

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

To support the Dancer Health and Wellness Initiative, including a day of free health screenings for dance workers and a series of wellness workshops, in Houston.

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 **\$2,500**

To support the East Aldine Salsa Fest, a showcase of music and dance at the East Aldine District Park and Amphitheater in Houston.

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

To support an in-person and virtual summer music workshop for at-risk youth in Harris County school districts.

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 **\$2,000**

To support the Fall 2022 Diverse Discourse Lecture & Studio Visit Program with Daniela Lieja Quintanar, presenting a public lecture and studio visits with Houston area artists.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$3,500**

To support A Gift from the Bower, an outdoor sculpture exhibition and performance series conceptualized by James Surls, featuring works by multiple artists about local flora and fauna, in Montgomery County.

Energized For Excellence Academy

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$7,451**

Artistic fee subsidy for Dallas Black Dance Theatre to perform three times at Houston Christian University in Houston, 02/23/23 - 02/24/23.

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.

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

To support the annual Afro Latin Fest, a celebration including multicultural and multidisciplinary performances, interactive workshops, and vendors, in Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,500**

To support Salsa y Salud, a salsa dance event in partnership with health care organizations and international artists to promote physical fitness and health, in Houston.

Freneticore (Pilot Dance)

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 **\$1,500**

To support the Houston Fringe Festival, a multidisciplinary showcase at the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston in the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

Gabi Wager Saldivar

Commission Initiative - Young Masters **\$5,000**

Support for the costs of advanced arts training and other expenses for this Texas Young Master (year two of two).

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.

Gordon Education Initiatives PA

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

To support Take the Stage, a filmmaking and acting residency for at-risk teens in the Harris County Juvenile Department of Probation.

Hope Stone

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 **\$1,500**

To support the Hope Project, an arts education program taught by professional artists, offering dance, music, and theater classes to pre-school and elementary students in underserved Houston communities.

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$10,000**

To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Houston Boychoir

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 **\$1,000**

To support virtual and in-person performances for medical patients and nursing home residents in Houston.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$2,500**

To support choral workshops and rehearsals for at-risk youth from school districts throughout Houston, culminating in a performance.

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.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,000**

To support CraftTexas 2022, an adjudicated exhibition showcasing Texas-made contemporary craft, in Houston.

Cultural District Project - Signage and Wayfinding **\$20,928**

To support wayfinding and signage improvements at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, improving visibility and accessibility for visitors to the Houston Museum District.

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 **\$2,500**

To support Picture This!, a hands-on photography education program for children battling cancer at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

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	\$1,500
<i>To support Music in the Schools, which provides a choir director for after-school choir classes at Title I schools.</i>	
Houston Choral Society	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Cinema Arts Society	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
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Houston Early Music	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$5,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Latin American Philharmonic Orchestra	
Arts Respond Economic Development	\$1,500
<i>To support the annual Viva Latin America concert, a celebratory event during Hispanic Heritage Month that will attract visitors to the Wortham Theater Center.</i>	
Houston Metropolitan Dance Company	
Arts Create - Operational Support	\$12,500
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Arts Respond Education	\$1,500
<i>To support dance residencies for K-12th grade students in Houston schools.</i>	
Houston Swing Dance 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	\$2,500
<i>To support the International Swing Dance Championships, a multi-day event focused on dances originating in African American communities, attracting audiences from across the state and nation.</i>	
Indo American Association	
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 an international artist residency program, featuring educational workshops, masterclasses, and demonstrations to engage audiences in the Houston area and cultivate an understanding of Indian classical music.</i>	

Indus Arts Council

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

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

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 Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support the Jai Literature Festival Houston, showcasing international literary authors and thinkers in panels, readings, and performances, at the Asia Society Texas Center.

Jazz Education

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

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

Kinetic Ensemble

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

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

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 **\$4,000**

To support the Sankofa Project, consisting of a curatorial project and related programming examining historical events relating to social unrest, and their present-day impact on contemporary life, in Midtown Houston.

Loop38

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$1,800**

To support a performance at the Contemporary Music Festival of B.P. Herrington's 'Creek Songs' and student composer works that focus on ecology and environmental issues in the greater Houston area.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Deborah D.E.E.P. Mouton to perform at Rothko Chapel in Houston, 05/04/23 - 05/04/23.

McDougle Elementary/Klein ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$570**

Artistic fee subsidy for Main Street Theater to perform at McDougle Elementary in Houston, 04/06/23 - 04/06/23.

Menil Foundation

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$16,500**

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

Cultural District Project - Signage and Wayfinding **\$86,900**

To support improvements to wayfinding signage and sidewalks on the Menil campus, improving visitors' experiences in the Houston Museum District.

Mercury 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 Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support marketing strategies for the Downtown Series, aimed at diversifying and increasing attendance, and fostering patron spending at local hotels and restaurants.

Arts Respond Education **\$4,000**

To support teaching residencies and in-school chamber orchestra performances for K-12th grade students at Title I schools in Houston Independent School District.

Mildreds Umbrella Theater Company

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

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 free theater workshops for underserved communities in Houston's Fifth Ward neighborhood.

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

To support the production of "Tooth and Tail" at the DeLuxe Theatre in Houston's Fifth Ward neighborhood.

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 **\$2,000**

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 **\$3,000**

To support Glassell-on-the-Go, a program offering after-school mobile art classes at Houston public libraries and free family passes for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$187,500**

To support Alberto Giacometti: Toward the Ultimate Figure, an exhibition in the Houston Museum District.

Musiq

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

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support the commission of four new works by emerging composers for FotoFest's 2022 Biennial exhibition If I Had a Hammer, attracting new audiences to Houston.

Arts Respond Education **\$2,000**

To support interactive educational concerts and music workshops for economically-disadvantaged 9th-12th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Natalie Hampton

Commission Initiative - Young Masters **\$5,000**

Support for the costs of advanced arts training and other expenses for this Texas Young Master (year two of two).

NobleMotion Dance

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

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

Open Dance Project

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

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

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

To support dance workshops and professional development for K-12th grade students and their teachers, in Houston area schools.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$2,500**

To support the research and development of Flutter, a site-specific dance and art production celebrating the monarch butterfly's migration through Texas, to engage new audiences in Houston and San Antonio.

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.

Positive Project

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

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

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

To support the production and performance of 'Can't We All Just Get Along?' for at-risk and economically disadvantaged communities in Harris County.

Public Poetry

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,000**

To support REELpoetryHoustonTX, an in-person and virtual hybrid international poetry film festival showcasing video poetry, poetry films, and documentary films about poets.

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.

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$4,000**

To support arts education activities in Texas through this public-private partnership. These funds are pass-through grants designated by the Texas Women for the Arts, a philanthropic arm of the Texas Cultural Trust.

Rothko Chapel

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

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

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District **\$137,500**

To support the Opening Spaces site development project, featuring a new Program Center that includes additional facilities and green spaces, in Houston.

Sanskriti

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 **\$1,500**

To support a production of the English-language play 'BUDDHA,' produced in partnership with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, to attract audiences from across the greater Houston area and international visitors from India.

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 Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support the ArtStream concert series, presenting traditional and experimental Indian classical art performances to live and virtual audiences at the new Silambam Houston Cultural Arts Center.

South Asian Folk Arts Council

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,000**

To support the Spiritual Music of South Asia Festival, which will put communities across the greater Houston area in dialogue with each other in a celebration of cultural, religious, and creative diversity.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$3,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for Riyaz Qanwari to perform at Shalimar Banquet Hall in Houston, 09/11/22 - 09/18/22.

Stages (formerly 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 **\$1,500**

To support the Sin Muros [Without Walls] Borderless Teatro Festival, a celebration that highlights Latinx voices from Texas communities through staged readings and other events.

Summerwood Elementary PTO

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$537**

Artistic fee subsidy for Main Street Theater to perform at Summerwood Elementary in Houston, 04/10/23 - 04/10/23.

Texas Medical Center Orchestra

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

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

WindSync

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

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$1,500**

To support the Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival, including a main stage concert, outdoor public events, and educational workshops, to enliven Houston's Near Northside neighborhood and engage audiences.

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.

Number of Awards: 105

Award Total: \$1,195,936