

Senator John Whitmire

Texas Senate District: 15



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2023 - Year to Date

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
Houston Children's Chorus	
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 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
<i>To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.</i>	
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**

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$187,500**
To support Alberto Giacometti: Toward the Ultimate Figure, an exhibition in the Houston Museum District.

Musiqqa

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Performance Support **\$3,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for RiyaaZ Qawwali 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.

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.

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: 78

Award Total: \$1,122,279