

Senator Molly Cook

Texas Senate District: 15



Arts and Cultural Grants

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Fiscal Year 2025

Alliance Francaise of Houston

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Monarch Chamber Players to perform at Alliance Française of Houston in Houston, 04/05/25 - 04/05/25.

Apollo Chamber Players

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$15,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,500**

To support LIBERTY, a concert project exploring democracy and liberty featuring actor George Takei, composers John Corigliano and Homayoun Sakbi, and artist Liana Amaya, to draw audiences from across Texas to Houston.

Arts Respond Education **\$6,000**

To support the My First Orchestral Concert educational program for Houston area schools at Miller Outdoor Theatre.

Art League of Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,000**

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, which provides art instruction to adults living with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities in a supportive, community-minded, professional studio environment.

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

To support the Summer Intensive for Teens program, a scholarship-based summer program offering rigorous, in-depth studio art instruction for high school students in Houston.

Brave Little Company

Commission Initiative - Rural Tour **\$5,000**

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Aldine, Alief, Baytown, Deer Park, Eldridge-West Oaks, northeast Katy, La Porte, Morgan's Point and surrounding communities.

Catastrophic Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**

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

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$14,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support Teaching Artists-In-Classrooms, providing residencies for teaching contemporary artists to work with K-12th grade students in Houston Independent School District.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$7,500**

To support Summer of Sustainability: Teen Art Symposium and Summer Programming, a teen-led series of events and workshops that center teen art enthusiasts' perspectives and desires for a sustainable future.

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

To support an exhibition of works by Texas artist Vincent Valdez, and related programming, in the Houston Museum District.

Da Camera of Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$18,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$5,500**

To support the Music Encounters program, which brings musicians into Houston Independent School District elementary school classrooms and uses music as a catalyst for teaching core subjects.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,150**

To support a drumming residency for youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in downtown Houston.

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

To support the 2024-2025 Jazz Series, which will present internationally renowned jazz artists in the Houston Theater District and attract diverse Houston audiences and cultural tourists.

Dance Source Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$14,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,500**

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 **\$3,000**
To support the Dancer Health and Wellness Initiative, which includes health screenings, wellness workshops, a physical therapy clinic, and a lecture-demonstration to educate physical therapists on the mechanics of different dance forms.

Diaz Music Institute

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,500**
To support the East Aldine Salsa Fest, a free music festival, to attract audiences to Houston's East Aldine neighborhood.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$6,000**
To support the Latin Jazz Summer Music Workshop and Concert Series for young people in Houston.

DiverseWorks

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,000**
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 new 12MM: Experimental Short Performance multidisciplinary festival at the DeLuxe Theater in Houston's historic 5th Ward Cultural Arts District.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$8,500**
To support River on Fire, a multidisciplinary exhibition, workshop artist talk series, and symposium that explores the impacts of environmental crises on Houston and the Gulf South.

Eva Rami

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).

Foundation for Modern Music

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**
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 Salsa y Salud, a salsa dance event in partnership with health care organizations and international artists to promote physical fitness and health in Houston.

Glassell School of Art/MFAH

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Gordon Education Initiatives PA

Arts Respond Education **\$6,000**

To support a Spanish language filmmaking residency in public schools to immerse Houston 6th graders in a foreign language through writing and acting in an original film.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,500**

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

Hits Theatre (dba)

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support the Carolyn Franklin Memorial Cultural Night and Arts Show, celebrating the legacy of the theater's founder, showcasing local artists, and highlighting the rich history and cultural heritage of the Heights area in Houston.

Hope Stone

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$3,500**

To support the Hope Project, a program offering professionally-taught dance, music, and theater classes to preschool and elementary students in underserved Houston communities.

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,000**

To support the promotion of the Asher Gallery, an in-house retail program for artists, makers, and creative vendors, hosting special sales and pop-ups to attract locals and tourists.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**

To support Community Craft Garden educational and community programming that highlights connections between craft materials and Houston's ecology.

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District **\$10,000**

To support outdoor lighting and security improvements at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, to decrease property damage and improve safety for visitors to the Houston Museum District.

Houston Center for Photography

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support Flash Drive, an elementary school program that explores the connections between science and photography through the camera obscura and related interactive lessons.

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

To support Pandemic Made, a collaborative exhibition which explores how the COVID-19 pandemic reshaped artistic practices and inspired resilience through creative expression across multiple photographic art forms.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$20,150**
To support a series of thematic exhibitions showcasing diverse photographic practices in the Houston Museum District.

Houston Children's Chorus

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Choral Society

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$7,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Houston Cinema Arts Society

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**
To support the Houston Cinema Arts Festival, a multi-venue festival including documentary and experimental films, media installations, performances, and related panels and workshops, to attract film-going audiences and students.

Houston Masterworks Chorus

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,191**
To support the Annual Young Singer Competition, which features local 10-12th grade vocal students in the Houston area.

Houston Metropolitan Dance Company

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**
To support Dance Discovery, an education program for preK-1st grade students in Houston area schools.

Houston Swing Dance Society

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Indo American Association

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,500**
To support a project that brings together Sufi traditions and Gospel music in a series of performances, discussions, and workshops, to foster cultural tourism in Houston.

Inprint

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$16,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

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 **\$8,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Kinsmen Lutheran Church

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,000**
Artistic fee subsidy for Monarch Chamber Players to perform at Kinsmen Lutheran Church in Houston, 04/04/25 - 04/04/25.

Lawndale Art Center

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$3,000**
To support Jax Neal: The Altarcation Series, four performances and an exhibition using physical endurance and ceremony to explore environmental grief in Houston and the Gulf Coast region.

Loop38

Arts Respond Education **\$7,000**
To support interactive music education residencies at three language immersion schools in the Houston Independent School District.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,000**
To support the creation and performance of two new chamber operas by Theo Chandler and Daniel Knaggs that explore mental health through themes of vulnerability, courage, and healing, in Houston.

Menil Foundation

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$225,000**
To support the exhibition Tacita Dean: Blind Folly, the first US museum retrospective for this major contemporary British artist, in the Houston Museum District.

Mercury Chamber Orchestra

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$18,000**
To advance the creative economy of Texas by investing in the operations of this arts organization.

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

To support 'Loving Clara Schumann,' a staged performance exploring the life of the female pianist and composer through themes of love, loss, and mental health, attracting new audiences to Houston.

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

To support educational performances pairing scientists with composers, and residencies offering professional instruction to foster artistic growth, leadership, and collaboration, for students in Houston Independent School District.

Mezclada Dance Company

Commission Initiative - Rural Tour **\$5,000**

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Caldwell, Gonzales, Fayette, and/or Lavaca counties.

Michele Brangwen Dance Ensemble

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

To support the premiere of 'Dialogues from the Unbroken Embrace,' a new work by Michele Brangwen in collaboration with acclaimed jazz composer and guitarist Rez Abbasi, driving cultural tourism to Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston.

Mildreds Umbrella Theater Company

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$8,000**

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 a production of Molly Smith Metzler's 'Cry It Out,' a play exploring the lives of new mothers, and an accompanying talkback for mothers to share their varied lived experiences with childbirth, motherhood, and life, in Houston.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$19,000**

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

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,300**

To support Art for the Mind and Spirit, which provides patients and families from Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers and Ronald McDonald House Houston with arts programming and activities.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,500**

To support a mentoring network program that empowers teens aged 15-18 to connect their passions with new skills and knowledge through digital, non-traditional learning environments and artforms, in Houston.

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

To support the exhibition Gauguin's World, featuring over 140 works that span the length of Gauguin's career, in the Houston Museum District.

Musiqqa

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support 'Inner Voices,' a double-billed concert featuring the Houston premiere of Karim Al-Zand's The Prisoner and the world premiere of a new work by Marcus Karl Maroney, created in collaboration with poet Shelley Wong.

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support interactive music master classes for economically-disadvantaged high school students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$5,604**

To support Musiq in Motion, a collaboration with Houston Ballet II highlighting new music and new choreography in the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

NobleMotion Dance

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$13,000**

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

Open Dance Project

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$15,000**

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

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

To support Project Imagine Dance, a six-week residency program for Houston Independent School District dance students.

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$16,000**

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 Musicians with a Mission, a new artist-led initiative which will serve senior patients in hospice care with live performances, in Houston.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$3,000**

To support a program that provides publicly-available curated, nature-themed orchestral playlists to 100 public locations throughout Houston, including nature centers and parks.

Rothko Chapel

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$11,000**

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

Saj Baldwin

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).

Sanskriti

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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

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

To support 'The Four Horsemen,' a performance exploring the story of the apocalypse through Indian classical dance, music, and poetry, attracting audiences to Houston.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**

To support ARISI: RICE - Grains of Life, a multidisciplinary production that sheds light on the intersections of rice cultivation, rice's sociocultural significance in Southeast Asia, and climate change, in Houston.

Silambam Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$14,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$4,500**

To support the ArtStream concert series, presenting traditional and experimental Indian classical art performances to live and virtual audiences in Houston.

Smith Elementary/Aldine ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$250**

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to perform at J. Ruth Smith Elementary in Houston, 1/10/25 - 01/10/25.

Social Movement Contemporary Dance Theater

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support an interactive educational dance performance that teaches English language arts and reading, mathematics, science, and social studies to Houston-area elementary school students.

Southwest Alternate Media Project

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support the annual Houston Media Conference, including a convention-style expo floor, over 50 hours of programming, and 80 individual artists presenting workshops and panels, in partnership with the Houston Cinema Arts Society.

Spectrum Fusion

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$5,000**

To support an initiative that trains unhoused Houston adults with autism in media production and empowers them to create a documentary film about homelessness within their communities.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Kelly Willis to perform at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Houston, 03/20/25 - 03/20/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Bruce Robison to perform at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Houston, 05/15/25 - 05/15/25.

Stages (formerly Stages Repertory Theatre)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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

Texas Medical Center Orchestra

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$3,000**

To support professionally-led orchestra sectional rehearsals and individual instruction at Pilgrim Academy and the Knowledge Is Power Program Sharp campus in Houston.

WindSync

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,000**

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

Writers In The Schools

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$10,000**

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

Yuck Show

Commission Initiative - Rural Tour **\$5,000**

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in the east Texas counties of Shelby, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, and/or Tyler.

Number of Awards: 102

Award Total: \$1,579,445