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Texas House District: 147



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas House District

Fiscal Year 2026

4th Wall Theatre Company (dba)

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

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

Apollo Chamber Players

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

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$5,500**

To support DECLARE, a concert project exploring civic identity and historical narratives featuring local poets, composers, and visual artists, that will draw audiences from across Texas to Houston.

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

To support interactive music experiences for pre-K–5th grade students through school-wide programs and small-group classroom visits across Houston-area schools.

Art League 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 Health & Human Services **\$4,000**

To support the Healing Art Program, which provides adults with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities with professional fine arts instruction, culminating in an exhibition of participants' work.

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

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

Arthouse Houston (dba)

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

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

To support a day of performances and film screenings to activate and reopen the historic Majestic Metro Theater in Houston.

Arts Connect 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 Economic Development **\$7,000**

To support the Careers in the Arts Catalyst Program, which connects Houston high school students to paid internships, mentorship, and career preparation to build skills, confidence, and pathways to postsecondary education and the workforce.

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

To support Community Arts Engagement, a program that leverages arts education to prevent delinquency among at-risk youth in Houston schools.

Arts District Houston (formerly Washington Ave)

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$94,067**

To support a marketing campaign that employs local artists for creative promotions, deepens business connections, increases wayfinding and branding, and partners with neighboring districts for cross-visitor outreach in Arts District Houston.

Asia Society Texas Center

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 **\$4,000**

To support Night Market, a one-night, community-based event celebrating arts and culture in Houston.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$625**

Artistic fee subsidy for Chelsea de Souza to perform at Asia Society Texas Center in Houston, 10/26/25 - 10/26/25.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$55,250**

To support 'The House of Pikachu: Anime, Art, and Pop Culture,' which explores the global impact of Japanese animation on contemporary art, in the Houston Museum District.

Catastrophic Theatre

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

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

Classical Theatre Company

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

Community Artists' Collective

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

To support the Arts Entrepreneurship Incubator project to educate, promote, and provide opportunities for local artists through retail space in the Ion District and the Midtown Arts District, in Houston.

Community Music Center of Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

Arts Respond Education **\$4,500**

To support a mentorship and composition residency at Houston's Jack Yates High School that culminates in a public concert.

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

To support the Percussive Studio after-school djembe ensemble for at-risk youth, using disciplined drumming rooted in African, Afro-Caribbean, funk and soul traditions to strengthen self-control, accountability, and safer choices.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$16,250**

To support the Legacy Project, an initiative that honors emerging and nationally-recognized artists, particularly those connected to Houston and the Third Ward Cultural District, through performances, exhibitions, and community-centered programming.

Dance Source Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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 the Dancer Health Wellness Initiative, consisting of health screenings, wellness-oriented dance workshops, a monthly physical therapy clinic, and a lecture-demonstration of dance techniques for physical therapists.

DiverseWorks

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

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 an exhibition of Anahita Bradberry's plasma sculpture installation Spectral Field, and a related writing workshop, in Houston.

Ensemble Theatre

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 **\$4,000**

To support an interactive performance of 'Don't Worry Willy,' which will address anxiety, self-expression, and diverse learning experiences, in Houston.

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

To support intergenerational performances for at-risk youth and communities in the Houston area.

FotoFest

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$20,000**

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$162,500**

To support the FotoFest Biennial 2026, Global Visions - FotoFest at 40, a major presentation of international photographic and lens-based art, in Arts District Houston.

Fresh Arts (dba)

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$26,876**

To support the Space Taking Artist Residency, a program supporting local emerging artists in Arts District Houston.

Glasstire

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

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

Gordon Education Initiatives PA

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

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 **\$4,000**

To support an interventional filmmaking program for Houston youth impacted by the justice system that encourages positive self-development through artwork creation.

Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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 Gulf Coast Reading Series, featuring writers at the Lawndale Art Center in the Midtown Houston Cultural District and Project Row Houses in the Third Ward Cultural District, broadening arts access in Houston.

Harmonia Stellarum Houston

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

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

Houston Arts Alliance

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

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

Houston Cinema Arts Society

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

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$7,000**

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 Symphony

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$22,000**

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

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

To support the Student Concert Series programs, which give Houston area students an opportunity to see a concert, have a teaching artist residency, and access online resources.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$7,500**

To support the Houston Symphony's Music and Wellness initiative, which provides bedside visits and performances for patients at area hospitals and dementia, senior, and children's cancer centers.

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

To support the Holiday Concert Series, beginning on Thanksgiving weekend and culminating in a New Year's celebration, in the Houston Theater District.

Indo American Association

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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 Dance for Joy and sound therapy sessions, designed to improve mental health for Houston seniors and youth through movement and sound activities based on Indian music and dance.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,860**

Artistic fee subsidy for Indrajit Banerjee to perform at Eternal Gandhi Museum and the Founders Club, Hobby Centre in Houston, 03/20/26 - 06/10/26.

Jonathan Zhang

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

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

MATCH: Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston

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

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

Multicultural Education & Counseling Through the Arts

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,000**

To support an immersive summer arts camp providing K-9th grade youth from Houston's underserved communities with music, dance, theater, and visual arts instruction to enhance academic achievement.

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District **\$42,500**

To support preserving and relocating art works from the Old Sixth Ward Art Park to the grounds of the historic Dow School in Arts District Houston.

Musiqua

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 MusiquaLab for Young Composers, a semester-long hands-on composer-in-residency program that empowers Houston high school students to create original musical works.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$6,791**

To support Free Rein, an innovative project that combines music, dance, neuro-engineering, and artificial intelligence to explore the inner workings of the human brain in the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

NobleMotion Dance

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

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

Performing Arts 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 Economic Development **\$3,725**

To support performances by the Blue Man Group, known for their silent, blue-faced characters, innovative percussion, and physical theater.

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

To support the Concert Truck, a mobile concert program for Houston area students.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,950**

Artistic fee subsidy for 2025 Van Cliburn International Piano Gold Medalist Aristo Sham to perform at the Cullen Theater at the Wortham Center in Houston, 10/04/25 - 10/04/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,437**

Artistic fee subsidy for Mezclada Dance Company to perform at Cullen Theater at the Wortham Center in Houston, 03/20/26 - 03/21/26.

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

To support presentations of 'Riverdance' in the Houston Theater District, and related marketing and promotional activities.

Project Row Houses

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

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

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

To support summer arts enrichment programs in multiple artistic disciplines for at-risk youth in Houston's Third Ward.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$45,000**

To support a concert and residency series showcasing emerging and established artists working in a mix of musical genres, with each artist also conducting a free community project, activity, or master class in Houston's Third Ward Cultural District.

Rothko Chapel

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

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

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District **\$110,000**

To support the Opening Spaces Site Development Project, which preserves the Rothko Chapel as a sacred art site and increases its community engagement and outreach through new facilities and green spaces in the Houston Museum District.

Sanskriti

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 LET'S CREATE, a performance of different Indian classical dances choreographed by young dancers from across the state, drawing audiences to Houston.

Silambam 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 Economic Development **\$6,000**

To support the YUVA Emerging Artist Residency and Festival, a collaborative choreography and performance platform for emerging Indian classical artists in dance and music.

The Hobby Center Foundation

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

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

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

To support the ExxonMobil Discovery Series, which brings Houston-area students and teachers to the Hobby Center to experience standards-aligned performances by Houston artists and arts organizations.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$5,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for The Ensemble Theatre to perform at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston, 10/21/25 - 10/24/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$5,400**

Artistic fee subsidy for Open Dance Project to perform at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston, 09/24/25 - 09/26/25.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$76,000**

To support a presentation of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis in the Houston Theater District.

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$5,000**

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.

Theatre Under the Stars

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$22,000**

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 The River, an educational musical theater program that engages youth and young adults with disabilities through multidisciplinary arts classes in Houston.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$212,500**

To support a stage production of Irving Berlin's 'White Christmas' at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in the Houston Theater District.

Third Ward Cultural District (The Tre)

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

To support the Third Ward Cultural Journeys: Self-Guided & Guided Tours project, a multifaceted resource that helps visitors and residents explore South-Central Houston's rich history, businesses, and vibrant cultural assets.

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

To support Eye on Third Ward - Retrospective, a multidisciplinary arts program that pairs Jack Yates High School students with professional mentors to produce a large-scale outdoor photography exhibition, in Houston.

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$71,500**

To support the implementation of a marketing plan that includes brand refinement, wayfinding improvements, and a digital campaign, to increase awareness of Houston's Third Ward Cultural District among residents, visitors, and cultural stakeholders.

UH/Arte Publico Press

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 **\$6,000**

To support Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-aligned presentations by Hispanic authors at public elementary schools in the Rio Grande Valley.

UH/Blaffer Art Museum

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$12,000**

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

UH/Houston Shakespeare Festival

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

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

Workshop Houston

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$6,000**

To support the Near-Peer Youth Leadership and Employment Program, an initiative cultivating the next generation of community leaders through the arts.

Number of Awards: 92

Award Total: \$2,040,631