

Senator Borris Miles

Texas Senate District: 13



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2026

Alley Theatre

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$24,000**

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

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$8,500**

To support a production of Real Women Have Curves, attracting audiences to the Hubbard Stage in the heart of the Houston Theater District.

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

To support the production of 'A Christmas Carol' in the Houston Theater District.

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.

Avondale House

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,294**

Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to conduct music classes at Avondale House in Houston, 09/01/25 - 12/14/25.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$673**

Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to conduct music workshops at Avondale House in Houston, 12/15/25 - 03/14/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$735**

Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to perform at Avondale House in Houston, 03/15/26 - 06/14/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$673**

Artistic fee subsidy for Joseph Dixon to conduct music instruction at Avondale House in Houston, 06/15/26 - 08/31/26.

Bach Society Houston

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

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

Chamber Music Houston

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 of Asian America

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 **\$4,000**

To support Journey through Asia, an educational dance performance exploring Asian art and history through interactive presentations for K-5th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,000**

To support performances of 'Healing through Asian Cultures and Dance,' tailored to specific age groups and physical conditions at senior activity centers, hospitals, clinics, and hospices 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.

Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District

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

To support the Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival, a free, family-friendly event that celebrates the culture, creativity, and community of Houston's historic 5th Ward with live performances, local vendors, youth zones, and interactive art experiences.

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

To support Living Legacy, a place-based arts education field trip for Fifth Ward students that explores the history and heritage of their community through museum visits, public art, historic architecture, film, and performance, in Houston.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$65,000**

To support the 5th Ward Mini Music Museum in Houston, a new vibrant cultural hub celebrating the Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District's legendary musicians, preserving local stories, and revitalizing the community through music and history.

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$9,500**

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.

Glasstire

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

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

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 Ballet Foundation

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$23,000**

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

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

To support the Education and Community Engagement programs, providing K-5th grade students with a variety of curriculum-aligned dance opportunities.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$237,500**

To support the production and marketing of 'The Nutcracker' in the Houston Theater District.

Houston Boychoir

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 a music education program for elementary school students in underserved schools.

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

To support Houston Boychoir's choral program that helps reduce adolescent delinquency by engaging at-risk boys from Title I schools through music education, mentorship, and performance.

Houston Chamber Choir

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

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

Houston Grand Opera Association

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$26,000**

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

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

To support cross-curricular arts education programming, from full-scale operas to literacy development activities through the Opera to Go, Storybook Opera, and the Student Matinee programs in Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,100**

To support vocal recitals in healthcare settings across the Greater Houston area, bringing live music to patients, families, and healthcare workers.

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

To support the production of the Gershwins' 'Porgy and Bess' in the Houston Theater District.

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.

Houston Theater District

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

To support a marketing effort that will drive visitors to Houston arts organization events during the 2026 World Cup.

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$62,359**

To support the launch of a new marketing and public relations campaign to drive cultural tourism by promoting the Houston Theater District to regional visitors and raise awareness with locals.

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).

Main Street Theater

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$21,000**

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

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

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 **\$7,500**

To support 'El Grito,' celebrating Mexico's Independence Day with a night of performances featuring GRAMMY Award-nominated artist Lupita Infante and special guest Jackie Rivera, in Houston.

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

To support the Star-Spangled Salute, A Fourth of July performance at Miller Outdoor Theatre in celebration of the nation's 250th birthday with fireworks and a special tribute honoring members of the U.S. military, in Houston.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for The Magik Theatre to perform at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Houston, 09/10/25 - 09/10/25.

Moody Center for the Arts/Rice Univ.

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$56,875**

To support 'Imaging After Photography,' a group exhibition featuring contemporary artists exploring the relationship between artificial intelligence and photography, presented in tandem with the FotoFest biennial in the Houston Museum District.

My Connect Community (dba)

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to conduct workshops at Fabric Forge in Houston, 01/06/26 - 03/09/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,000**

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to conduct weekly classes at Connect Highstar in Houston, 03/15/26 - 05/31/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,334**

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to lead theater classes at Connect Highstar in Houston, 06/29/26 - 08/31/26.

Nia's Daughters Movement Collective

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

Support for this Texas Touring Roster artist to give five performances in Wharton, Colorado, and/or Jackson counties.

Nigerian-American Multicultural Center

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

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.

Positive 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 Economic Development **\$4,000**

To support a production of 'Breathe,' an original stage play about a bitter old man who spends his last days out of the public eye, to attract audiences to Houston.

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.

Purple Songs Can Fly

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

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

RSA of Dance & Performing Arts

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

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

Russian Cultural Center-Our Texas

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

To support Vibrant Circles: Houston's Community Canvas, a public art initiative with related programming that integrates local, original painting into existing murals in Houston's Museum District.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Mercury Chamber Orchestra to perform at Russian Cultural Center - Our Texas in Houston, 11/14/25 - 01/16/26.

Shabach Enterprise

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

To support the Fade to Black Play Festival, which features a variety of original works and attracts playwrights and audiences to Houston.

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: 96

Award Total: \$2,344,230