

Senator Molly Cook

Texas Senate District: 15



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2026

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.

Axiom Quartet

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

To support open rehearsals in Houston-area schools for students to observe the creative collaboration of professional musicians while strengthening arts learning through critical listening, teamwork, and artistic problem solving.

Brave Little Company

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$4,500**

To support In Voices for Health, which combines live performance, arts education, and health education to teach Houston refugee communities about health care topics, build community, and encourage self-determination with Forum Theatre practices.

Catastrophic Theatre

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

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

Charles Bender Performing Arts Center/City of Humble

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$6,600**

Artistic fee subsidy for Asleep at the Wheel to perform at Charles Bender Performing Arts Center in Humble, 03/28/26 - 03/28/26.

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

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

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

Da Camera of Houston

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

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

Arts Respond Education **\$5,000**

To support the Music Encounters program, which delivers arts-integrated core subject curriculum to K-12th grade classrooms in Houston Independent School District.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$5,105**

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

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

To support Da Camera's Jazz Series, presenting renowned artists including Branford Marsalis, Pat Metheny, and Hiromi in the Houston Theater District.

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.

Diaz Music Institute

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 the East Aldine Salsa Fest, a free music festival, to attract audiences to Houston's East Aldine neighborhood.

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

To support a summer music workshop for at-risk youth in Harris County school districts.

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.

Eiland Elementary/Klein ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,350**

Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Eiland Elementary in Klein, 05/22/26 - 05/22/26.

Foundation for Modern Music

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 **\$4,000**

To support Salsa y Salud, a community-centered initiative that addresses obesity and other health challenges through public activities and instruction in popular Latin art forms, in Houston.

Glassell School of Art/MFAH

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

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.

Hits Theatre (dba)

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

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

Hope Stone

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

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

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

To support the Hope Project, a program offering professionally-taught dance, music, and theater classes to preK-8th grade students in underserved Houston communities.

Designated Funding-Texas Women for the Arts **\$7,000**

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 Center for Contemporary Craft

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

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

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

To support Clutch City Craft, a group exhibition that celebrates the craft communities of Houston, to elevate the city as a destination for cultural tourists in maker communities around the country.

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

To support artist-led school tours for Houston-area K-12th students in conjunction with CraftTexas.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$14,250**

To support CraftTexas, an exhibition that celebrates Texas contemporary craft and craft artists which will increase tourism and related revenue while educating visitors, in the Houston Museum District.

Houston Center for Photography

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 **\$4,000**

To support trauma-informed, photography-based activities for youth, in partnership with community and health services organizations, using photography as a creative outlet for grief, recovery, empowerment, connection, and emotional well-being.

Arts Respond Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,000**

To support a yearlong photography program for justice-involved youth and adults in detention centers that promotes healing, expression, and skills through education.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$15,750**

To support providing high quality arts experiences through curated exhibition programming in the Houston Museum District, including works by international artists.

Houston Children's Chorus

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

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

Commission Initiative - America 250 **\$1,776**

To support activities in this Texas Congressional district that commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Houston Choral Society

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

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 Masterworks Chorus

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$2,120**

To support the Annual Young Singer Competition, which features local 10th-12th grade vocal students in the Houston area.

Houston Metropolitan Dance Company

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 Dance Discovery, an education program for preK-1st grade students in Houston area schools.

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$4,000**

To support Nature Stories, a series of collaborative dance performances that will draw community attention to the importance of water in sustainability efforts.

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 Gandbi Museum and the Founders Club, Hobby Centre in Houston, 03/20/26 - 06/10/26.

Indus Arts Council

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

To support The Rung Film Festival, featuring short films, narratives, and documentaries from Pakistani-American and South Asian filmmakers, fostering networking opportunities and dialogue while driving economic and tourism impact in Houston.

Inprint

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

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

Institute of Hispanic Culture of Houston

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

To support Dia de la Hispanidad, a free, large-scale cultural celebration showcasing the music and dance traditions of Hispanic communities.

Jazz Houston

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

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

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.

Kinetic Ensemble

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

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

Kinsmen Lutheran Church

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$800**

Artistic fee subsidy for Monarch Chamber Players to perform at Kinsmen Lutheran Church in Houston, 01/09/26 - 01/09/26.

Lawndale Art Center

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$17,000**

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

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

To support 'Perhaps Just a Trick of the Light,' a solo exhibition of resident studio artist JR Roykovich, in conjunction with the Houston debut of the Untitled Art Fair.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$19,500**

To support the creation and exhibition of new artwork by Texas artists, to be featured in the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

Loop38

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

To support a live performance of Steve Reich's 'Music for 18 Musicians' in celebration of the work's 50th anniversary, to attract audiences to Houston.

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

To support interactive music education residencies at three language immersion schools in the Houston Independent School District.

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.

Menil Foundation

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$137,500**

To support the exhibition of 'Robert Rauschenberg: Fabric Works of the 1970s' 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 **\$5,000**

To support marketing efforts for the world premiere of 'Bolero Querido,' a theatrical musical work created by Antoine Plante and Denis Plante, at various venues in the Houston area.

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

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.

Michele Brangwen Dance Ensemble

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

To support the premiere of 'Messiaen Jazz Dance,' a new work by Michele Brangwen in collaboration with GRAMMY Award-nominated composer Tim Hagans, driving cultural tourism to the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston.

Mildreds Umbrella Theater Company

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 a season expansion comprised of free, public staged readings that amplify new work, creating professional development opportunities for emerging directors and engaging Houston audiences and visitors.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$25,000**

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

Arts Respond Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$6,000**

To support Buddha-Nature: Collective Awakening in the Face of Climate Change, an exhibition and accompanying panel discussion that explores sustainability opportunities found at the intersection of Buddhist wisdom and contemporary art.

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Montopolis to perform at Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in Houston, 10/26/25 - 10/26/25.

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

To support a program to empower teens aged 15-18 to connect their passions with new skills and knowledge in a collective, non-traditional learning environment.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$250,000**

To support the exhibition 'Frida: The Making of an Icon,' featuring over 150 works devoted to Frida Kablo's life and legacy, in the Houston Museum District.

Musiqqa

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 MusiqqaLab 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.

Open Dance Project

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

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

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.

Partnerschools

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

To support 'MOOOVMENT, Dance,' public workshops and performances for Houston elementary and middle-school students, where artists lead group dances and choreographed movement.

Periwinkle Foundation

Designated Funding - Arts & Health **\$75,000**

To support the Periwinkle Arts In Medicine program, providing art experiences to pediatric patients and their families while undergoing medical care at Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers in Houston and McAllen.

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 **\$4,500**

To support Musicians with a Mission, an artist-led initiative that serves senior patients in hospice care with live performances, in Houston.

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

To support ROCO on the Go, 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 **\$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.

Samskriti

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.

Social Movement Contemporary Dance Theater

Arts Respond Education **\$5,000**

To support Dance and Culture: A Lecture and Demonstration Series, a program for students at Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School exploring tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, and traditional Chinese dance, in Houston.

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$6,500**

To support Dance Hunger Action, a festival of youth and professional performances dedicated to raising food donations and awareness about food insecurity in Houston.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,500**

Artistic fee subsidy for Blue Water Highway to perform at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Houston, 09/11/25 - 09/11/25.

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 **\$12,000**

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

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

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

Commission Initiative - America 250 **\$1,776**

To support activities in this Texas Congressional district that commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

WindSync

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$17,000**

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

Writers In The Schools

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$17,000**

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

Number of Awards: 106

Award Total: \$1,685,178
