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Texas House District: 147



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas House District

Fiscal Year 2027 Year to Date

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.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$40,000**

To support the Texas premiere production of Luis Quintero's 'Medea: Re-Versed,' an explosive hip hop adaptation of Euripides' ancient Greek tragedy written in rap battle verse for modern audiences and visitors to Arts District Houston.

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 **\$8,000**

To support Tranquility, a concert project collaboration featuring Texan and Indian Carnatic composers, that will draw audiences to the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston.

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.

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 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 Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,500**

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)

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

To support Inside the Yards, a free monthly event series that activates artist studios at Sawyer Yards through open studios, exhibitions, performances, and artist-led experiences, driving cultural tourism, artist income, and local economic activity.

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$115,206**

To support a destination marketing initiative that commissions local artists to create public art, storytelling content, and promotional campaigns to strengthen cultural tourism and attracts visitors to 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 **\$5,500**

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$67,500**

To support Forest of Lines: Japanese Baskets, 1900 to Today, an exhibition in the Houston Museum District highlighting masterpieces of Japanese bamboo art, exploring the future of weaving and sustainable materials.

Catastrophic Theatre

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

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$36,400**

To support production and marketing of the Summer 2027 Tamarie Cooper Show, the 30th iteration of the annual, original musical presentation in the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$13,475**

To support the Lineal Return, an interactive art exhibition in the Midtown Houston Cultural District that explores the African-American Great Migration of the early to mid 1900s.

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.

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 **\$5,000**

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

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$20,761**

To support Barnstorm Dance Fest, a multi-day dance festival in Houston's Midtown Cultural District featuring live performances, dance films, artist talks, workshops, and community gatherings.

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 Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$7,000**

To support Overflow Radio: Sakotayisol Nunus Constellation, a multidisciplinary exhibition and programming series that explores reciprocal relationships among humans, land, and water, 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 **\$3,500**

To support intergenerational matinee performances of 'The Wash' by Kelundra Smith for middle and high school students in the Houston area.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$69,210**

To support the regional premiere of an inspirational a cappella tribute, 'Jubilee' by Tazewell Thompson, and the community engagement and education activities that will draw audiences to the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

FotoFest

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

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

Commission Initiative - Texas Curator Gathering **\$25,000**

To support a statewide gathering of visual art curators in Houston.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$90,000**

To support 'Roman Franc and Jon Tonks: Groups Collective,' a major exhibition and community-engaged commissioned photo project centered on the elements of group portraiture, bringing visitors to the 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 **\$23,373**

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 Public Safety & Criminal Justice **\$3,500**

To support a filmmaking and acting program for at-risk teens in the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

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.

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 **\$6,500**

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 educational orchestra performances for 6th-8th grade students in the Houston metropolitan area.

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

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.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$11,000**

To support a presentation of 'The Draupadi Phenomenon,' a South Asian dance-theater production that explores the story of one of the most revered female characters in classical Indian storytelling, in the Midtown Houston Cultural District.

Jessup Elementary/Pasadena ISD

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$987**

Artistic fee subsidy for Nancy Churnin to perform at Jessup Elementary in Houston, 09/25/26 - 09/25/26.

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.

Midtown Management District Cultural A & E District

Cultural District Project - Enhancements to the District **\$55,550**

To support the Big Joy initiative of rotating artist-designed public art that blends functional amenities and interactive experiences to attract visitors, support Houston artists, and activate public spaces year-round.

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 **\$4,500**

To support the Out of School Time Program, which provides Houston youth with a safe, enriching environment through arts education and workshops with professional artists, and reliable, supervised care during out-of-school hours.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$36,400**

To support the Dia de Muertos Festival, a free, three-day community celebration of Latin American folk art traditions featuring art activities, altars, artisan vendors, cultural foods, and live performances in Arts District Houston.

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 **\$3,500**

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

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 Education **\$3,500**

To support free educational performances of STOMP in Jones Hall serving K-12th grade students in Houston, Alief, and Aldine school districts.

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

To support presenting Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in the Houston Theater District, along with related marketing activities, in April 2027.

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 Economic Development **\$3,500**

To support Glow on the Row, an after-hours art experience featuring artists-in-residence, in conjunction with the Afrotech Conference, to attract visitors into Houston's arts communities.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$20,250**

To support a concert at the historic Eldorado Ballroom showcasing the Third Ward Cultural District during the National Association of Black Journalists convention in Houston, August 2027.

Rothko Chapel

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

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

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

To support Songs and Dances of the Earth, a multicultural, multidisciplinary program at Houston's Miller Outdoor Theatre showcasing the variety of ways societies around the world have celebrated the planet to inspire environmental stewardship.

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 **\$5,000**

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

South Asian Folk Arts Council

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$2,940**

Artistic fee subsidy for Riyaaq Qanwali to perform at Matchbox 4 in Houston, 10/30/26 - 10/30/26.

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 **\$6,500**

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 **\$4,950**

Artistic fee subsidy for Mercury Chamber Orchestra to perform at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston, 10/19/26 - 10/22/26.

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$5,850**

Artistic fee subsidy for Mezclada Dance Company to perform at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston, 09/20/26 - 09/24/26.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$100,000**

To support Beyond Broadway, a series of performances by major theater, television, and film stars in the Houston Theater District.

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 **\$187,500**

To support the holiday production of 'Disney's The Little Mermaid,' scheduled for December 2026, in the Houston Theater District.

Third Ward Cultural District (The Tre)

Arts Respond Economic Development **\$3,500**

To support producing Third Ward Cultural Journeys: Self-Guided and Guided Tours for both visitors and Houston residents to explore the area's rich history, businesses, and vibrant cultural assets.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$46,500**

To support a celebration of Juneteenth in Houston's Third Ward Cultural District with a free community festival, small business crawl, and historical bus tour.

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 **\$3,500**

To support Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-aligned presentations by 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.

Number of Awards: 79

Award Total: \$1,999,852