

Senator Borris Miles

Texas Senate District: 13



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2027 Year to Date

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 \$6,500

To support a production of Anton Chekhov's 'The Cherry Orchard,' attracting audiences to the heart of the Houston Theater District.

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

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 \$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.

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

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 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 **\$3,500**

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.

Edison Arts Foundation

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

To support the Black History Month Festival, featuring dance, theater, music, comedy, and educational-centered experiences for families, artists, and visitors to Missouri City.

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.

Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District

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

To support the DeLUXE Show, an annual art exhibition honoring one of the nation's first racially integrated art exhibitions, presented in Houston's Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$52,500**

To support the Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival, a celebration of the Fifth Ward's rich culture with live music, food, art, and community activities, bringing audiences to the Fifth Ward Cultural Arts District.

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.

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

To support Adapted Programming, which provides access to sensory-friendly performances and movement classes for youth and adults with disabilities in greater Houston.

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

To support production of the blockbuster ballet 'The Nutcracker' and related paid marketing to entice visitors to the Houston Theater District again, furthering tourism during the holidays.

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 Health & Human Services **\$3,500**

To support a series of concerts for veterans, patients, and senior citizens in the greater Houston area.

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 **\$6,500**

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

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

To support a monumental new production of Verdi's 'Aida' 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 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.

Houston Theater District

Arts Respond Health & Human Services **\$3,500**

To support 713Walks, a series of free guided walks that pair exercise, community connection, and live performance to improve public health outcomes and deepen engagement with the District's resident arts organizations.

Cultural District Project - Promotion and Marketing **\$67,065**

To support a marketing plan to elevate the District as a premier cultural tourism destination, grow out-of-market visitation, and drive economic impact for Houston's performing arts and surrounding businesses.

Jan Schiff Elementary PTO

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

Artistic fee subsidy for David Cox, Rhythm Path Interactive Drumming, to perform at Jan Schiff Elementary School in Missouri City, 10/30/26 - 10/30/26.

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 **\$6,500**

To support Afrique en Cirque, a performance by Cirque Kalabante that combines contemporary circus arts with the music, dance, and storytelling traditions of Guinea, in Houston.

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 **\$55,275**

To support nationally recognized Houston-based artist Trenton Doyle Hancock's solo exhibition focusing on Paris, Texas in the Houston Museum District.

My Connect Community (dba)

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,366**

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to conduct weekly theater workshops for children at Connect Highstar in Houston, 09/01/26 - 11/18/26.

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.

Orissa Culture Center

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

Artistic fee subsidy for Riyaz Qanwari to perform at Orissa Culture Center Inc in Houston, 11/14/26 - 11/14/26.

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.

Positive Project

Arts Create - Operational Support **\$9,500**

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

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.

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 Havana, Where the Past Meets the Future, a unique collaborative exhibition of works by Cuban-American artist Timoteo Dominguez Fuentes and Russian-American photographer Vladimir Frumin, in Houston.

Shabach Enterprise

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

To support Fade To Black: Unscripted, a holiday comedy event featuring the award-winning improv group Can't Tell Us Nothing and additional Houston artists.

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: 70

Award Total: \$2,263,791