

Senator Molly Cook

Texas Senate District: 15



Arts and Cultural Grants

Listed by Texas Senate District

Fiscal Year 2027 Year to Date

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 Colony Association

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

To support the production of Houston's biennial juried art festival, showcasing local and national artists while fostering community engagement through the arts.

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.

Axiom Quartet

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

To support an open rehearsals program 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 Education **\$3,500**

To support the production of 'The Strangers' Case' for middle and high school audiences, combining live theater and in-school workshops to develop empathy, student voice, and mastery of learning objectives.

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.

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.

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

To support Teaching Artists-In-Classrooms, providing residencies for contemporary artists to work with K-12th grade students in Houston Independent School District.

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

To support the landmark survey exhibition, Robert Pruitt: Infinite, charting the artist's evolution as a significant contemporary figurative artist, in the Houston Museum District.

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 **\$6,500**

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

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

To support the 2026-27 Jazz Series, presenting internationally renowned jazz artists in concerts that activate the downtown Houston Theater District by attracting Houston audiences and cultural tourists.

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.

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 **\$5,500**

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

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.

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 **\$3,500**

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

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

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 **\$5,000**

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

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 **\$6,500**

To support significant marketing efforts for seasonal exhibitions and programming, in honor of the organization's 25th anniversary.

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

To support providing yearlong, trauma-informed photography education for justice-involved youth and adults that promotes healing, creative expression, and workforce skills.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$23,685**

To support In the Between, an exhibition of works by contemporary artists whose interdisciplinary practices explore transition, memory, migration, cultural inheritance, and place, in the Houston Museum District.

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.

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 **\$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 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 **\$3,500**

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

Cultural District Project - Signage and Wayfinding **\$16,250**

To support improving signage and wayfinding for the Houston Metropolitan Dance Center and surrounding arts and transportation hubs in the Midtown Houston Cultural 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.

Inprint

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

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 workshops for incarcerated Houston adults to read, write, revise, publish, and share original literary work.

Jazz Houston

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

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

Kinetic Ensemble

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

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

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 Natural Resources & Agriculture **\$5,000**

To support Zulma Vega: The Net Already Cast, a solo exhibition and artist talk exploring themes of and using materials from the natural environment, in Houston.

Cultural District Project - High Quality Arts Programming **\$14,000**

To support the creation and exhibition of a large-scale outdoor mural by Dario Bucheli on a public-facing wall in the Midtown Houston Cultural District, and related programming.

Loop38

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

To support the performance of 'When I Was Nine,' a new song cycle by Paul Novak exploring themes of dreams, embodiment, and healing, in Houston.

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.

Memorial Elementary PTO

Arts Respond Performance Support **\$1,367**

Artistic fee subsidy for Brave Little Company to provide afterschool theater instruction at Memorial Elementary School in Houston, 09/14/26 - 12/16/26.

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 **\$200,000**

To support the exhibition, How to Make an Exhibition: The Story of Jermayne MacAgy, which celebrates MacAgy's influential legacy as a curator, 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 **\$5,500**

To support a performance of Handel's 'Messiah,' to attract visitors to Houston.

Michele Brangwen Dance Ensemble

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

To support the premiere of 'River-Word,' 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.

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.

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.

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 Economic Development **\$5,500**

To support the Bayou Bend Makers Market, an annual, free-admission arts festival that showcases local artisans, live performances, and family programming during the fall holiday season.

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

To support the presentation of David Hockney: Bigger and Closer, a major exhibition that takes audiences on an immersive journey celebrating 60 years of Hockney's art, in the Houston Museum District.

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 **\$3,500**

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.

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.

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

To support the HUB Dance Project, an adaptive dance theater program for teens and young adults with neurological differences, focused on adaptive life skill development, in Houston.

Periwinkle Foundation

Designated Funding - Arts & Health **\$50,000**

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

To support ROCO on the Go, a program that provides publicly-available curated, nature-themed orchestral playlists to over 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.

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.

Social Movement Contemporary Dance Theater

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

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

South Asian Folk Arts Council

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

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

Southwest Alternate Media Project

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

To support the annual Houston Media Conference, including a convention-style expo floor, programming, and individual artists presenting workshops and panels, in partnership with the Houston Cinema Arts Society.

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 **\$3,500**

To support professionally-led orchestra sectional rehearsals and individual instruction at Pilgrim Academy in Houston.

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: 85**Award Total: \$1,825,453**