

HOUSTON ENDOWMENT

Strong Civic Assets
Grants Approved
in 2016

Strong Arts Ecosystem

Organization	2016 Grant (\$)	Description
Alley Theatre	200,000	Toward presenting innovative theatrical productions and strengthening the theater sector
Ars Lyrica Houston	80,000	Toward presenting music from the 17th and 18th centuries on period instruments and providing community outreach
Art League of Houston	150,000	Toward presenting gallery exhibitions and providing community visual arts instruction classes
Children's Museum of Houston	200,000	Toward museum programming to foster innovative, child-centered learning
Children's Museum of Houston	150,000	Toward an evaluation of the museum's programming
Contemporary Arts Museum Houston	200,000	Toward presenting regional, national and international contemporary art with education and outreach programming
Contemporary Arts Museum Houston	350,000	Toward capital improvements
CultureWorks Greater Philadelphia	300,000	Toward research and adaptation of a new model for capacity building in the local arts and culture community
Da Camera Society of Texas	225,000	Toward presenting a modern aesthetic of chamber, jazz and contemporary music interwoven with literature, visual art and theater
Dance Houston	13,000	Toward increasing the appreciation of popular dance forms through festivals, workshops, summer camps and the promotion of dancers and dance groups
Dance Source Houston	35,000	Toward providing support services for smaller dance companies, individual dancers and choreographers
DiverseWorks	150,000	Toward presenting visual and performing art that addresses social issues, represents marginalized communities and challenges traditional aesthetic standards
FotoFest	240,000	Toward presenting the international Biennial FotoFest 2016, which includes citywide exhibitions, cross-cultural seminars and master classes, and toward programming support during the inter-biennial year of 2017
Foundation for Jones Hall	25,000	Toward the development of the historical record of Jones Hall and in connection with the 50th anniversary of Jones Hall
Foundation for Modern Music	20,000	Toward presenting contemporary classical music through concerts, competitions and community outreach

Strong Arts Ecosystem (continued)

Fresh Arts	120,000	Toward programs to strengthen the capacity and professional practice of artists and arts organizations, and to enhance the public's engagement with the arts
Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston	15,000	Toward presenting the comic operas of Gilbert & Sullivan
Heritage Society	75,000	Toward preserving and protecting ten historic homes and buildings in downtown Houston's Sam Houston Park, and offering exhibitions featuring the city's history
Heritage Society	100,000	Toward research, planning and execution expenses related to merging with peer organizations
HistoryMakers	20,000	Toward the preservation and dissemination of stories about Houston's African American history
Holocaust Museum Houston	150,000	Toward teaching the dangers of prejudice, hatred and apathy through exhibitions and outreach programs about the Holocaust and other genocides
Houston Ballet	200,000	Toward presenting modern ballet productions and advancing the dance sector
Houston Center for Photography	130,000	Toward photography exhibitions, lectures and interpretive programs, amateur and professional competitions and publications
Houston Chamber Choir	80,000	Toward presenting choral music by a professional vocal music ensemble
Houston International Dance Coalition	50,000	Toward presenting the Dance Salad Festival, which includes workshops, master classes and performances from international contemporary dancers and choreographers
Houston Symphony	200,000	Toward presenting a diverse array of orchestral performances and strengthening the music sector
Houston Zoo	100,000	Toward fostering appreciation of the natural world through education, animal exhibits and care, and conservation programs featuring wildlife and habitat protection
Karen Stokes Dance	18,000	Toward modern dance performances, new choreography and community programs
Main Street Theater	40,000	Toward building capacity toward financial sustainability
Menil Foundation	1,000,000	Toward completion of the Menil Drawing Institute, dedicated to modern and contemporary drawings
METdance	150,000	Toward presenting contemporary and jazz dance works, strengthening the dance sector and providing community dance instruction classes
Museum of Fine Arts Houston	200,000	Toward presenting museum exhibitions, educational and public programs, art instruction and community outreach
Musiqá	60,000	Toward performing contemporary classical music in collaborative concerts that highlight other art forms and providing community programs
National Trust for Historic Preservation	25,000	Toward PastForward, a national conference on historic preservation, to be held in Houston
Orange Show Foundation	225,000	Toward preserving, promoting and celebrating self-taught, outsider and folk art
Rothko Chapel	155,000	Toward support of phase one of a master site plan to accommodate audience and programming growth
Society for the Performing Arts	200,000	Toward presenting national and international companies and artists in a multidisciplinary range of performing arts

Strong Arts Ecosystem (continued)

Texas Folklife	15,000	Toward documenting histories of accordion playing from German, Czech and Tejano communities and providing exhibitions and performances in Houston
University of Houston	395,000	Toward support of public arts programs at University of Houston (including the Center for Art and Social Engagement, the Mitchell Center for the Arts and the Blaffer Art Museum) that advance the creative process and support the sector

Equitable Arts Engagement

Organization	2016 Grant (\$)	Description
American Festival for the Arts	65,000	Toward musical instruction classes and performance opportunities for youth
Asia Society Texas Center	200,000	Toward thematic programs in the performing and visual arts, community outreach and policy dialogue promoting mutual understanding between Asia and Houston
Dance of Asian America	40,000	Toward increasing cultural understanding through traditional and contemporary Asian dance and providing community outreach
DataArts	150,000	Toward a pilot for collecting and analyzing audience demographic data in the local arts and culture community
Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston Texas	20,000	Toward presenting Dance Month 2017, which includes workshops, master classes and performances from local and national dancers and choreographers
Galveston Historical Foundation	400,000	Toward the Galveston History Project, presenting the history of Galveston using interactive platforms and displays
Gordon Education Initiatives for the Performing Arts	200,000	Toward the expansion and broadcast of a performing arts education television series through statewide PBS affiliates and dispersal of supplementary education materials within schools
Gulf Coast Journal	60,000	Toward publishing a biannual journal of contemporary literature, visual art and art criticism, providing community outreach and expanding online readership
HITS Theatre	35,000	Toward providing musical theater instruction classes and performance opportunities for youth
Houston Grand Opera Association	150,000	Toward the expansion of the Opera to Go! touring program, offering free performances to underserved schools and community centers
Houston Youth Symphony	135,000	Toward expansion of the Coda Music Program and toward offering free music education classes to underserved schools
Katy Visual & Performing Arts Center	15,000	Toward providing visual and performing arts instruction classes and performance opportunities for youth and adults
Main Street Theater	225,000	Toward presenting classical and contemporary theatrical productions and providing community outreach and arts education programs
Project Row Houses	160,000	Toward transforming and sustaining the northern Third Ward neighborhood by demonstrating the social role of art in neighborhood revitalization, historic preservation, community service and youth education

Equitable Arts Engagement (continued)

Rothko Chapel	100,000	Toward presenting programs that highlight the connection of arts and culture, personal contemplation and social justice
University of Houston	225,000	Toward support of public arts programs at University of Houston (including Arte Público Press and the Houston Shakespeare Festival) that encourage greater participation in the arts
Voices Breaking Boundaries	20,000	Toward deepening awareness of social and political issues through events featuring art and dialogue
Young Audiences of Houston	250,000	Toward organizational infrastructure for the Arts Access Initiative, a collective impact model with HISD, the City of Houston and arts and cultural organizations that ensures equity of arts education access in elementary and middle schools

Park Equity

Organization	2016 Grant (\$)	Description
Discovery Green Conservancy	3,000,000	Toward implementing a new master plan for the 12-acre urban park
Emancipation Park Conservancy	750,000	Toward building organizational capacity to support programming and operations at Emancipation Park
SPARK	200,000	Toward constructing community parks on greater Houston’s public school campuses
SPARK	2,500,000	Toward SPARK park development on public school campuses in park desert areas
Trust for Public Land	200,000	Toward efforts to facilitate park equity and land conservation in the Houston region
Trust for Public Land	600,000	Toward supporting park development in underserved areas