

Arts Action Fund

2021-22 School Year

The Arts Action Fund invests a total of \$250,000 annually in arts education programs across Houston ISD to ensure students have access to meaningful arts opportunities as part of their complete education. The Fund's goal is to unlock potential for new investments by fiscally supporting high-quality, effective partnerships between Arts and Culture Partners and any Houston ISD school. The Fund prioritizes serving underfunded campuses in Houston ISD with reduced access to the arts. **The Arts Action Fund is the first of its kind in Houston and exists as a catalyst for closing arts access gaps in schools.**

Funding Pathways

"Learning, Innovation, and Action"

- For a in-depth partnership between an Arts Connect Houston Arts and Culture Partner and Houston ISD school that has worked together previously
- Program should directly address a current student and/or campus need understood by Arts and Culture Partner through an existing relationship with school; Arts and Culture Partner should also be actively developing a program that would not be possible without requested funding and would be considered financially "risky" to try due to its level of innovation

Applications due by September 3rd
Notification made on September 24th

Grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$10,000

"Seed Funding"

- To support partnership development and growth between an Arts Connect Houston Arts and Culture Partner and Houston ISD school; program should address a current campus need or want as the campus further explores the arts
- \$200,000 available overall
 - Type A, Small (up to \$2,000) - digital programs and/or programs delivered in five (5) days or less
 - Type B, Large (\$2,001 - \$3,500) - programs delivered in six (6) days or more

Applications due by October 8th
Notification made on November 3rd

Grants up to \$3,500

For more information and to submit a grant application, [click here](#).
The grant application for Rounds 1 and 2 will be made available starting August 2nd.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who can apply?** An Arts and Culture Partner working directly with a Houston ISD campus.
- **How do I submit an application?** Go to our website [here](#) and click "Apply" after August 2nd.
- **Can I apply for funding for after-school programs?** No. At this time, the Arts Action Fund focuses on during school opportunities with the goal to increase equitable access to arts education opportunities for all students.
- **What types of arts education do these grants apply to?** The Arts Action Fund focuses on five art forms: creative writing, dance, music, theatre and visual arts.
- **Can grants include teacher professional development?** Yes; but the volume of applications and demonstrated student need will determine if teacher professional development will be priority.
- **Where do applications get submitted?** All applications are submitted and reviewed through the Arts Connect Houston Submittable platform.
- **Will there be a live event where I can learn more about the Arts Action Fund?** Yes, we will host an information session for Arts and Culture Partners in early August and an Open House for Houston ISD campuses in September. Please stay tuned for more information!
- **Applications are reviewed by leaders in education and the arts in Houston.**

To see additional FAQ's or submit a question for response within 48 business hours, [click here](#).

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