

# New Foundation Services Client

## Arts Connect – Bridging the Gap in Arts Equity, Together

Arts Connect exists as a hub where capacity building, advocacy, data collection, and funding meet to advance arts equity on behalf of Houston students.

The organization is a collective effort of over 30 arts organizations, Houston ISD, funders, and community members, who strive to achieve systemic change to expand access to high quality, high impact arts education for students.

Through the Arts Connect Fund, the collective effort supports the creation of an arts ecosystem where schools engage with arts organizations to facilitate programming, including professional development for teachers, customized student art experiences, and arts integrated curriculum.

Following the success of a multiyear pilot program, Arts Connect currently facilitates arts education opportunities in 47 Houston ISD schools with the hopes of expanding throughout the district in the coming years.

GHCF provides Arts Connect with business operations and compliance support and assists/facilitates the RFP and application review process. GHCF worked collaboratively with Arts Connect on strategic planning and, moving forward, will coordinate and provide support for their annual board meetings.

**For more information on Arts Connect and the work they do, please visit [www.artsconnecthouston.org](http://www.artsconnecthouston.org).**



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