

# **Asian Art Museum**

City and County of San Francisco

Budget and Appropriations Committee Meeting

June 12, 2025



# Mission and Vision

## Our Mission

The Asian Art Museum celebrates, preserves, and promotes Asian and Asian American art and cultures for local and global audiences. We provide a dynamic forum for exchanging ideas, inviting collaboration, and fueling imagination to deepen understanding and empathy among people of all backgrounds.

## Our Vision

Where experiences of Asian and Asian American art and cultures inspire and connect us all.



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The heart of the Asian Art Museum is its world-class collection of nearly 20,000 works of art representing 48 countries of the Asian continent and the worldwide Asian diaspora.



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**Special exhibitions and public programs** complement the experiences offered by the collections.

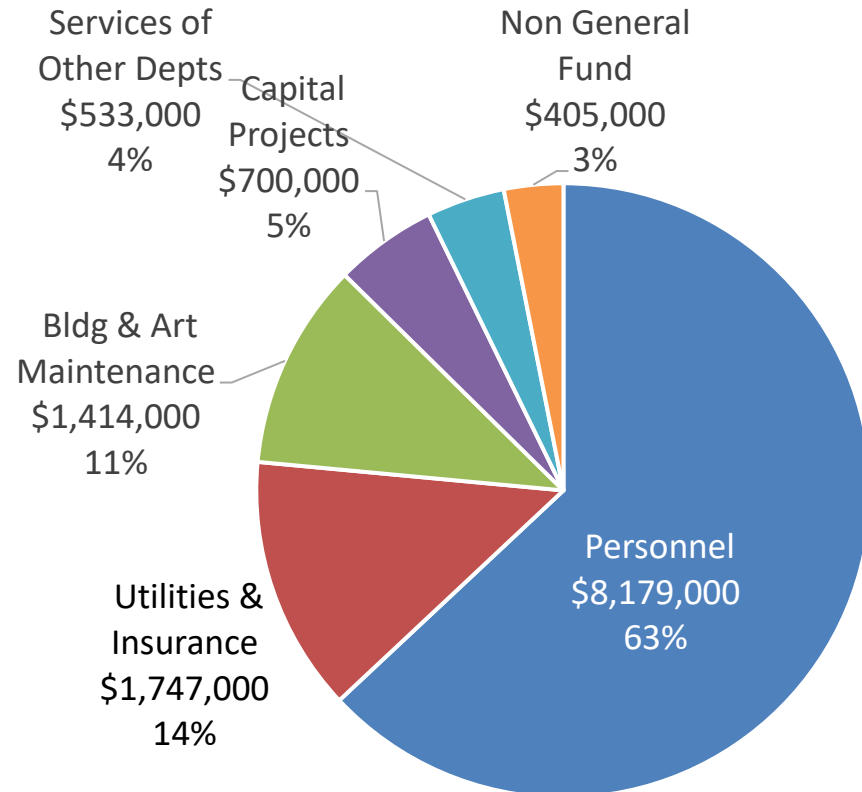


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**Educational experiences** with Asian art for all anchor the museum's mission.

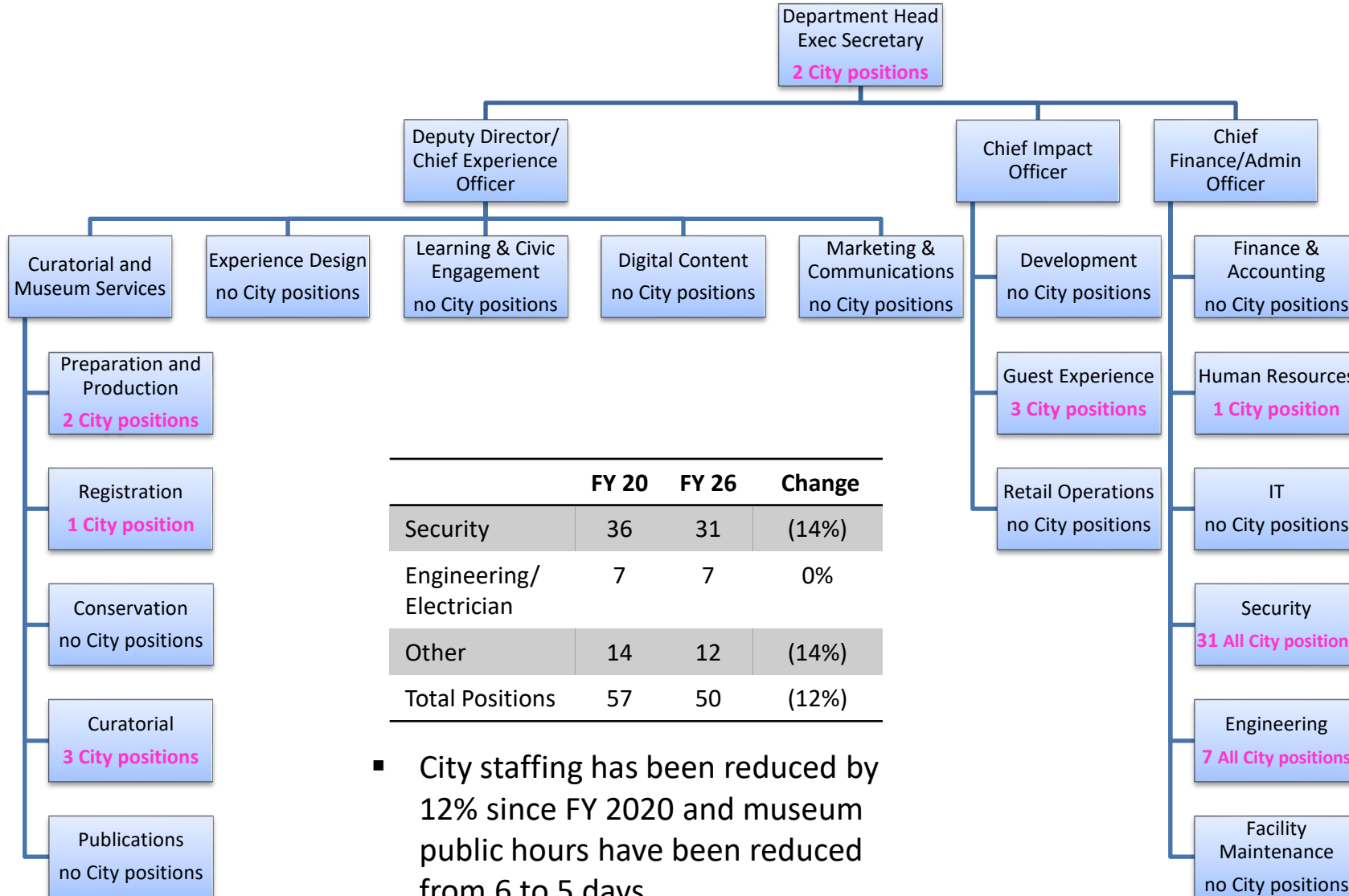
## FY 2026 Proposed Budget \$12.98 million



- City budget funds approximately one-third of the costs of operating the museum.
- The City budget is primarily limited to security, utilities, insurance and a portion of the costs to maintain the City art collection and building, which helps support the museum's mission and objectives.
- The museum looks at the following performance metrics:
  - Visitors
  - School program participants
  - Public program participants
  - Museum members
  - Social and website engagements
  - Use of accessibility programs
  - Donors

# Asian Art Museum Organization Chart

## City Positions = 50



- City staffing has been reduced by 12% since FY 2020 and museum public hours have been reduced from 6 to 5 days.

- City staffing is approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total museum staffing and is comprised mostly of security officers.
- 2 positions are vacant (11/23, 1/25), eligibility list established, interviews pending.
- All positions are permanent, except very small budget for temporary security officers and admissions attendants to fill temporary absences (e.g. sickness, FMLA) or meet temporary art exhibition requirements.

# AAM Budget

- Given prior year cuts and budget limited to core essentials: security, utilities, insurance, and a portion of costs to maintain the City art collection and building, the Mayor's proposed budget has no changes.
- The current budget continues to:
  - Reduce public opening hours from 6 to 5 days a week; impacting attendance, visitor experience and neighborhood recovery
  - Reduce security coverage and response times
  - Reduce number of exhibitions, public programming and SFUSD school programs, impacting attendance, visitor experience and neighborhood recovery
  - Increase risk from delaying replacement of aged infrastructure
  - Significantly limit public access to the library
  - Non-personnel budget to support building maintenance and art preservation has been reduced by \$800K or 44% since FY 2020 (not inflation adjusted)