



La Rose des Vents by Jean-Michel Othoniel, 2015; Photo by Ethan Kaplan Photography

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FY 2026 & FY 2027 Proposed Budget

Budget and Finance Committee Hearing
June 12, 2025

Mission of the Arts Commission



Rúupaywa: Songs of the Watershed by Walter Kitundu, 2022; Alameda Creek Watershed Center, Sunol
Photo by Ethan Kaplan Photography

The San Francisco Arts Commission is the City agency that champions the arts as essential to daily life by investing in a vibrant arts community, enlivening the urban environment, and shaping innovative cultural policy.

Department Objectives & Goals:

- Invest in a vibrant Arts Community
- Enliven the Urban Environment
- Shape Innovative Cultural Policy
- Build Public Awareness of the Value and Benefits of the Arts
- Improve Operations to Better Serve the San Francisco Arts Ecosystem

Supporting San Francisco's Arts & Cultural Ecosystem: SFAC Core Programs

Community Investments

\$12M

in grants awarded in FY2025

150+

Supported Local Artists,
Nonprofit Arts & Cultural
Organizations

Art Vendor Program

227

Active Licensed
Art Vendors

SFAC Galleries

49

Gallery Exhibitions,
Tours & Public Programs

6,350

Gallery Visitors

Public Art Program & Civic Art Collection

4,000

Over 4,000 pieces in the
Civic Art Collection

42

Completed Conservation &
Vandalism Abatement
Projects

18

New Artwork
Commissions/ Purchases
in FY2024

105

Monuments &
Memorials

Supporting San Francisco's Arts & Cultural Ecosystem: Cultural Centers

Community Investments: Investing in our Cultural Centers

- Funding Support of Physical and Virtual Cultural Centers
- Ongoing Seismic improvements at AAACC & MCCLA

\$2.85M

in general operating support
for FY2026



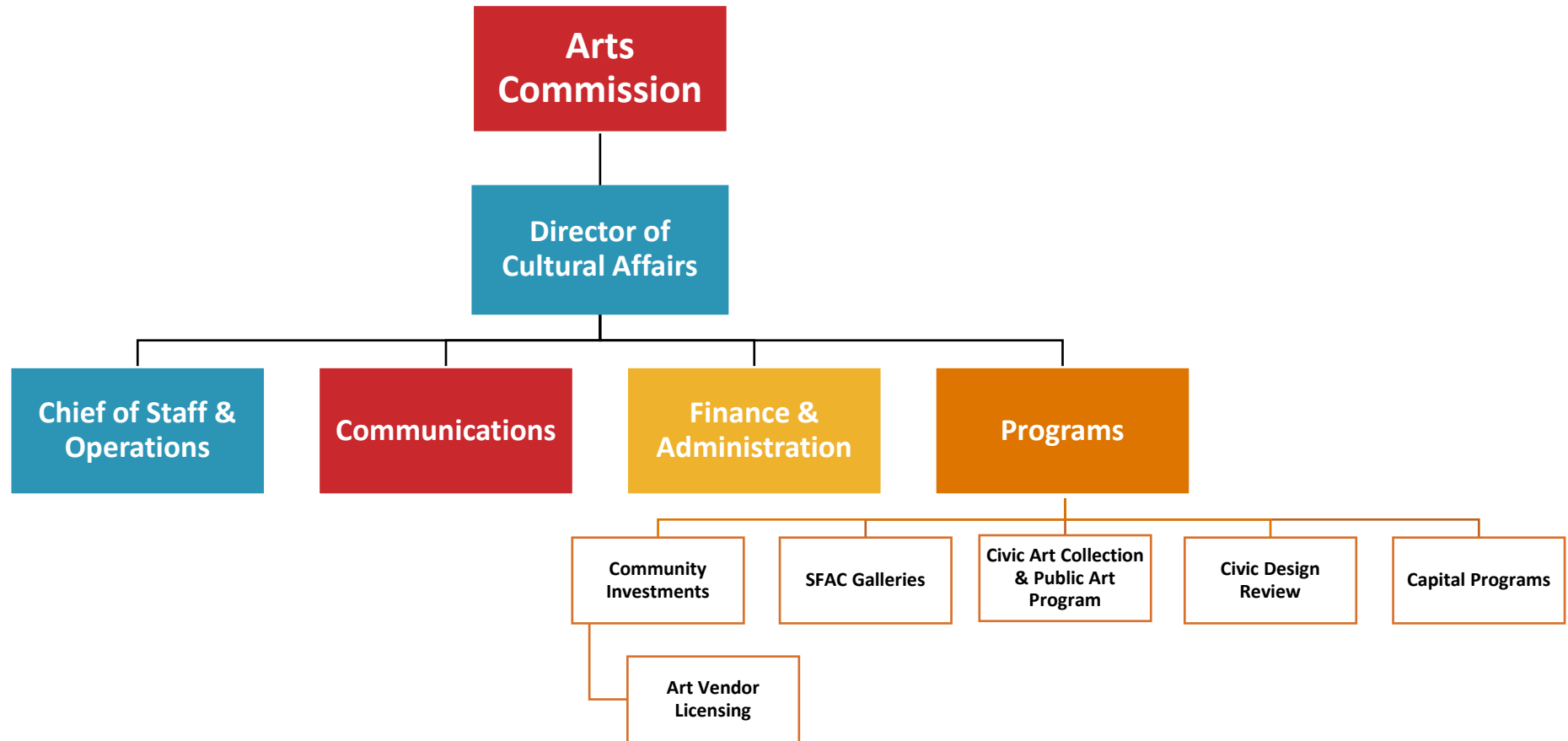
Putting the Art in City Partnerships:



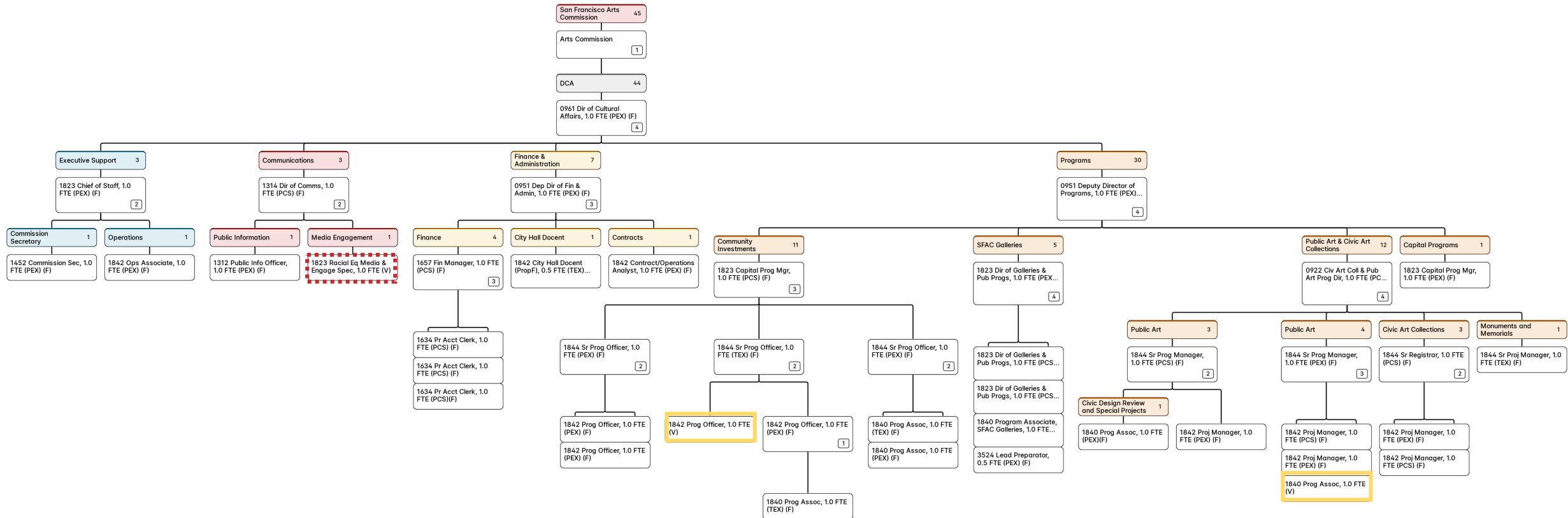
Bringing Together San Francisco Arts & Culture:



Organization Chart



sfac san francisco arts commission Detailed Org Chart



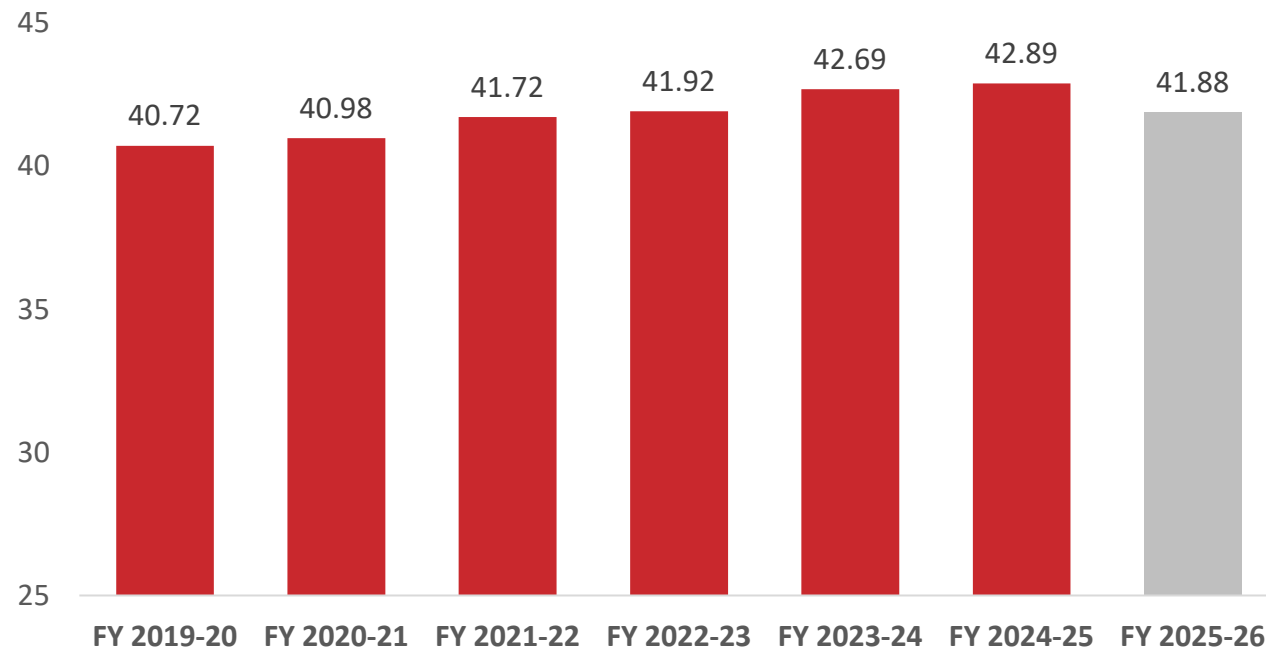
Total FTE: 43

Vacant Positions: 2 (Duration of Vacancy < 1 month)

Position Eliminated in Mayor's Budget Proposal: 1

Arts Commission Staffing Overview

Historical Staffing Levels Since FY 2019-2020



Budgeted Revenues



Portrait of a Phenomenal Woman by Lava Thomas, 2024;
Photo by SFAC Staff

ART Revenues by Funding Source (in Millions)			
	FY25	FY26	FY27
Hotel Tax (Prop E Annual Revenue)	14.20	13.09	13.70
General Fund ^[1]	6.41	6.16	6.33
Interdepartmental Services	1.85	1.13	1.14
Shaping Legacy (Mellon Grant)	1.50	-	-
Other	3.04	2.51	2.00
Total Operating Budget	27.00	22.89	23.17
Cultural Centers and Collections - Capital	2.91	1.53	1.02
Total Capital Budget	2.91	1.53 ^[2]	1.02 ^[2]
Total Budget - (Operating + Capital)	29.91	24.42	24.19

^[1] FY26 and FY27 include General Fund target cuts

^[2] FY26 and FY27 include CPC recommended capital allocations for the Cultural Centers and Civic Collection

Budgeted Expenditures

ART Expenditures by Program (in Millions) ^[1]			
	FY25	FY26	FY27
Community Investments	16.79	14.36	14.46
Symphony Charter Allocation ^[2]	4.42	4.52	4.60
Administration	2.19	1.90	1.95
Shaping Legacy (Mellon Grant)	1.50	-	-
Public Art & Civic Collection ^[3]	0.85	0.98	1.01
Municipal Galleries ^[4]	0.94	0.77	0.79
Other	0.31	0.36	0.36
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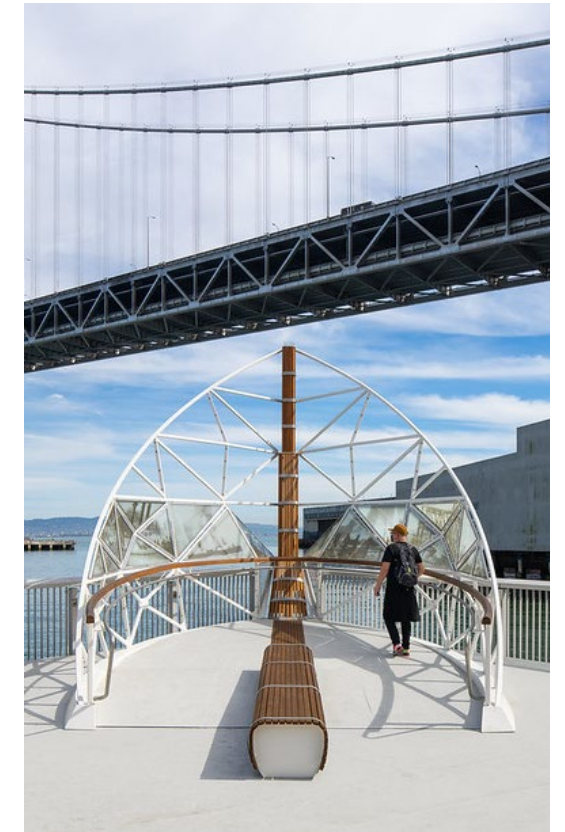
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^[2] Per Charter Section 16.106

^[3] Public Art & Civic Collection figures exclude Art Enrichment funds budgeted in other departments

^[4] FY26 and FY27 include projected grant awards

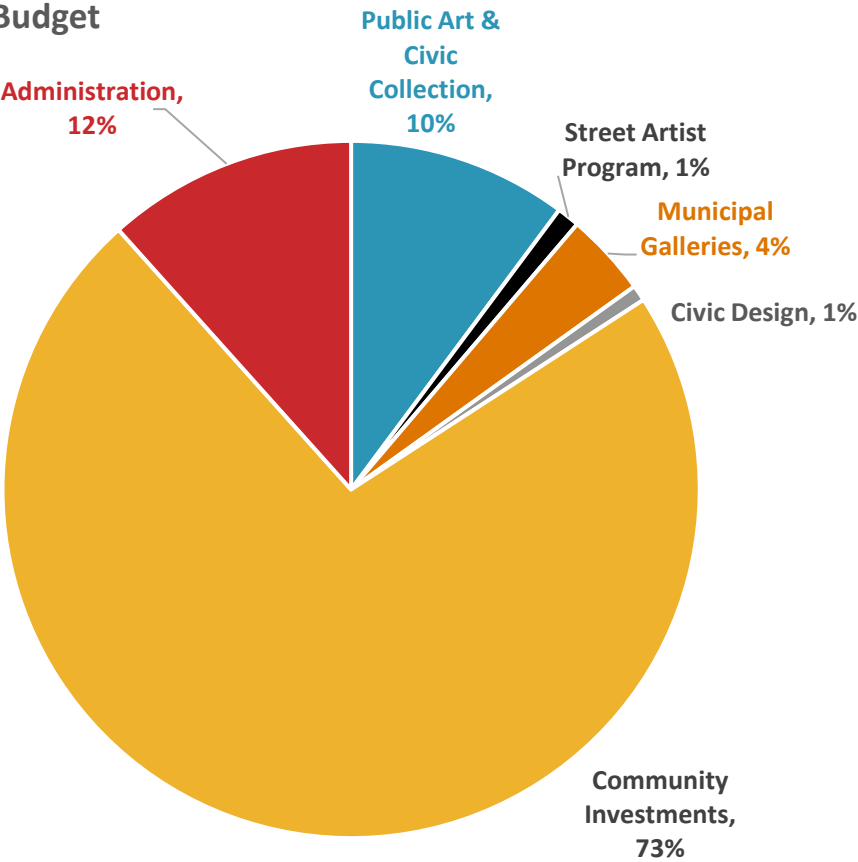
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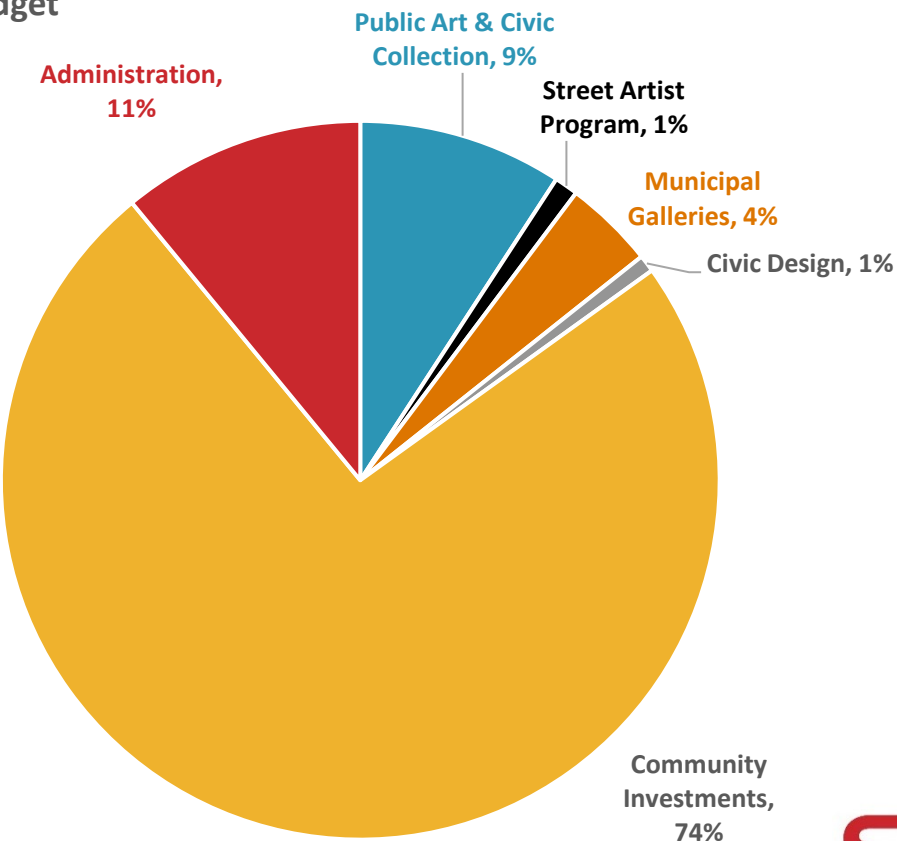
Bow by Walter Hood, 2022;
Photo by Ethan Kaplan Photography

Budgeted Amounts Per Work Area

FY25-26 Budget



FY26-27 Budget



Note: Figures shown do not include Symphony allocation per Charter Section 16.106

Performance Measures

- **Build Public Awareness of the Value and Benefits of the Arts**
 - Number of Arts and Culture Events Funded by the Arts Commission in a year
- **Enliven the Urban Environment**
 - Number of Permanently-sited artworks accessible to the public during the fiscal year
- **Invest in a Vibrant Arts Community**
 - Number of Payments to Individual Artists by the Arts Commission



Restoration and Relocation of *Invocation* by Pepe Ozan, 2004/2025;
Images by SFAC Staff

Questions?



The Only Blue Is The Sky by Craig Calderwood, 2024; Image Courtesy of SFO Airport



Thank You!