

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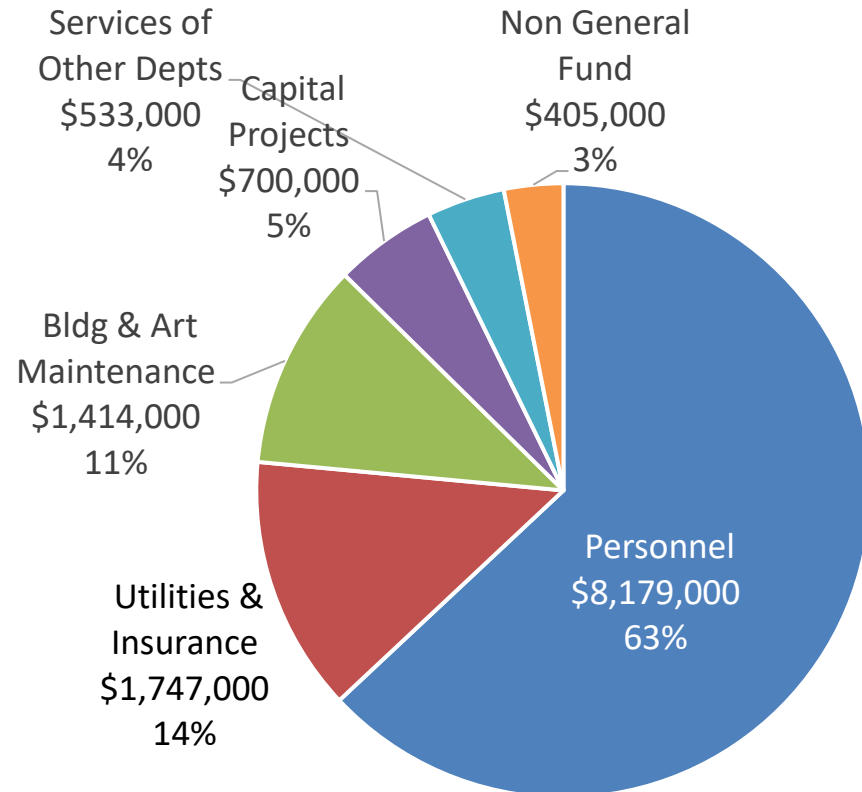
Special exhibitions and public programs complement the experiences offered by the collections.

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

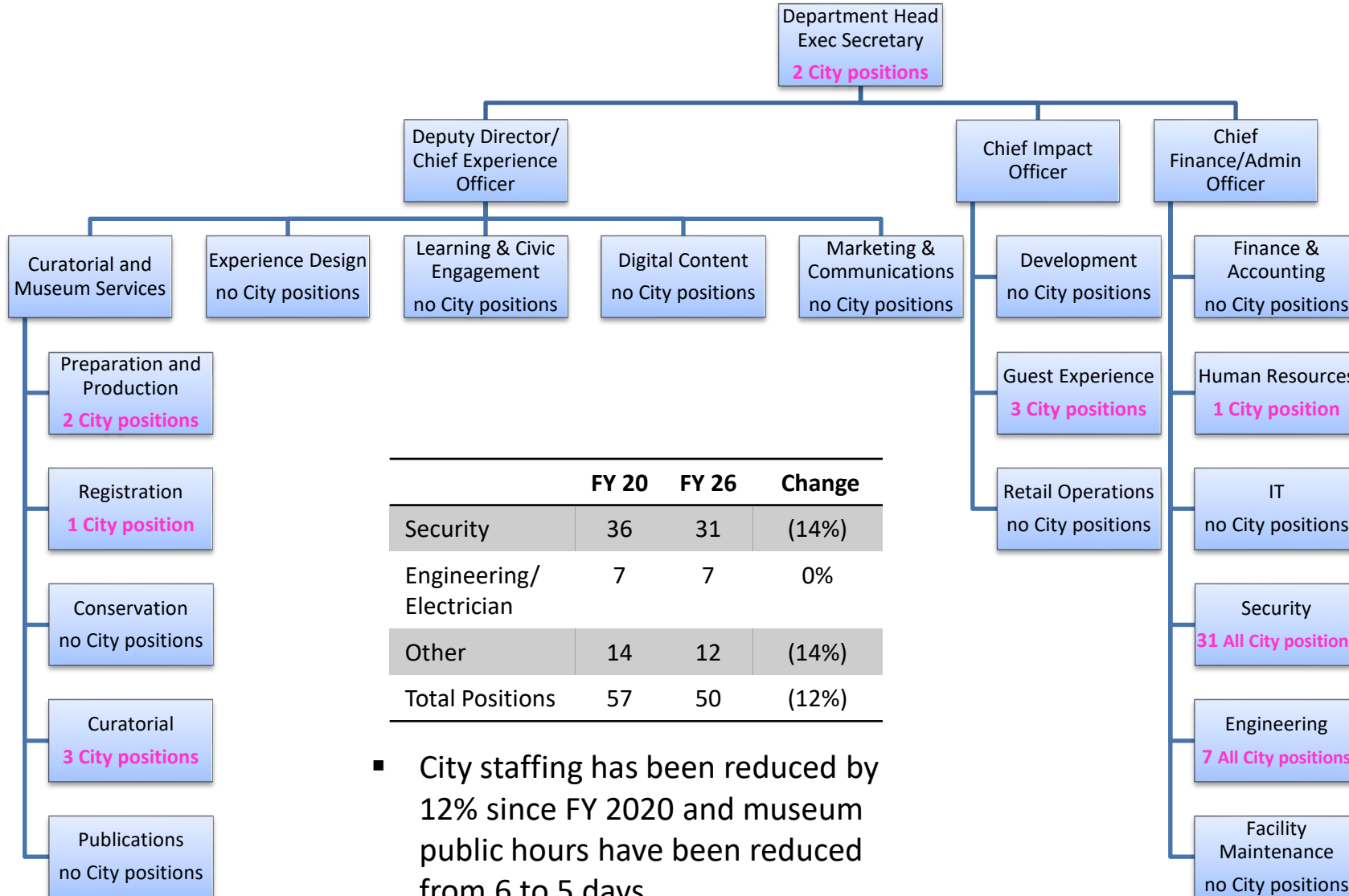
FY 2026 Proposed Budget \$12.98 million



- 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 1/3rd 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)