

Office of Arts & Culture Capital Budget

Overview:

The Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture is responsible for the integration of arts and culture into all aspects of civic life. Their office enhances the quality of life, the economy, and the design of the City through the arts. The Percent for the Arts project will utilize one percent of the City’s annual capital borrowing, to provide permanent public artwork by collaborating between professional artists and the community.

FY25 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FY26-30 MAJOR INITIATIVES

There are 15 Percent for the Arts projects currently in progress which will deliver public art to recently completed capital projects across the city.

MOAC has secured an artist for one out of the four planned Chinatown Workers statues. It is in fabrication and the City is planning for installation. MOAC is working to procure a design firm for the other three sites for prep work.

The Emergent Memory/Cocoanut Grove memorial for the Cocoanut Grove fire victims is slated to be installed in the fall of 2025

Fabrication of The Legacy of Frederick Douglass statue has been completed by the artist and MOAC expects that construction of the plaza and installation of the artwork in Douglass Square will progress in FY26.

CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Program Name	Thru '24	Estimated '25	Budgeted '26	Projected '27-30
Total Department	3,084,165	1,795,000	3,120,000	21,860,835

Office of Arts & Culture Project Profiles

Percent for the Arts

		Location: Citywide
Project Mission:	One percent of the City's annual planned bond issuance is designated for the commissioning of permanent, public art in municipal spaces. Site selection will be coordinated with projects in the capital plan.	Operating Impact: No Impact
		Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture
Status:	Annual Program	

Authorizations				
Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	22,202,000	4,300,000	0	26,502,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	22,202,000	4,300,000	0	26,502,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)					
Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	2,480,265	1,500,000	2,500,000	20,021,735	26,502,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,480,265	1,500,000	2,500,000	20,021,735	26,502,000

Book Mark'd

		Location: Mattapan
Project Mission:	Fabricate and install a bronze sculpture of books for the entrance of the Mattapan Branch Library.	Operating Impact: No Impact
		Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture
Status:	To Be Scheduled	

Authorizations				
Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	250,000	0	0	250,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	250,000	0	0	250,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)					
Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	100,000	75,000	75,000	0	250,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100,000	75,000	75,000	0	250,000

The Legacy of Frederick Douglass

Project Mission: Fabricate and install a bronze figure grouping and construct a plaza honoring Frederick Douglass in Douglass Square.

Location: Roxbury
Operating Impact: No Impact
Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture

Status: In Construction

Authorizations				
Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	550,000	0	0	550,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	550,000	0	0	550,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)					
Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	167,900	50,000	300,000	32,100	550,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	167,900	50,000	300,000	32,100	550,000

Chinatown Worker Statues Project

Project Mission: Design, fabricate, and install four bronze figures on four separate sites in the Chinatown neighborhood of Boston.

Location: Chinatown
Operating Impact: No Impact
Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture

Status: In Construction

Authorizations				
Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)					
Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	126,000	100,000	100,000	674,000	1,000,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	126,000	100,000	100,000	674,000	1,000,000

Art Signage Upgrades

Project Mission: Design, fabricate, and install custom interpretative signage for numerous artworks across the City.

Location: Citywide

Operating Impact: No Impact

Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture

Status: Implementation Underway

Authorizations				
Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	100,000	0	0	100,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	100,000	0	0	100,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)					
Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	0	0	50,000	50,000	100,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	50,000	50,000	100,000

Park Plaza Monument/Memorial

Project Mission: Select an artist who will design, manage the fabrication and the installation of a new artwork to be installed on the site formerly occupied by the Emancipation Group statue in Park Plaza.

Location: Bay Village

Operating Impact: No Impact

Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture

Status: In Design

Authorizations				
Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	500,000	0	0	500,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	500,000	0	0	500,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)					
Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	0	0	0	500,000	500,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	500,000	500,000

Emergent Memory (Cocoanut Grove Memorial)

Project Mission: Design, fabrication, site preparation, and installation of public art in Statler Park.

Location: Bay Village

Operating Impact: No Impact

Managing Department: Office of Arts and Culture

Status: In Construction

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	453,000	0	0	453,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	380,000	0	0	380,000
Total	833,000	0	0	833,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)

Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	210,000	70,000	95,000	78,000	453,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	380,000	380,000
Total	210,000	70,000	95,000	458,000	833,000

Cultural Center Study

Project Mission:

Conduct a needs assessment, programming, and siting assessment for the development of a neighborhood-based facility that could support local events and activities and also sustain local cultural identities.

Location: Multiple Neighborhoods

Operating Impact: No Impact

Managing Department: Public Facilities Department

Status: To Be Scheduled

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY26	Future	Total
City Capital	125,000	0	0	125,000
Other City	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0
Total	125,000	0	0	125,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)

Source	Thru 6/30/24	FY25	FY26	FY27-30	Total
City Capital	0	0	0	125,000	125,000
Other City	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Other	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	125,000	125,000