

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, and their office enhances the quality of life, the economy, and the design of the City through the arts. A number of capital funded statues, memorials, and other public art are in progress, helping to increase the vibrancy of the city.

FY26 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FY27-31 MAJOR INITIATIVES

All four statues for the Chinatown Workers Statues Project are in the final stages of fabrication and the City is working on plans for their installation.

The Emergent Memory/Cocoanut Grove memorial for the Cocoanut Grove fire victims is nearing completion and is expected to be installed in FY27.

There are 17 Percent for the Arts projects currently in progress which will deliver public art to recently completed capital projects across the city.

An artist has been identified for the Book Mark'd project to add public art at the Mattapan Branch of the Public Library. The City aims to have to the projected installed in 2027.

CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Program Name	Thru '25	Estimated '26	Budgeted '27	Projected '28-31
Total Department	4,776,238	1,150,000	1,648,000	22,225,762

Office of Arts & Culture Project Profiles

Art Signage Upgrades

Status: Implementation Underway

Operating Impact:

Location: Citywide

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

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

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	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 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	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

Book Mark'd

Status: In Construction

Operating Impact: No Impact

Location: Mattapan

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

Project Mission: Fabricate and install a bronze sculpture of books for the entrance of the Mattapan Branch Library.

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	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 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	Total
City Capital	\$100,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$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	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000

Chinatown Worker Statues Project

Status: In Construction

Operating Impact: No Impact

Location: Chinatown

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

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

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	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 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	Total
City Capital	\$202,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	\$98,000	\$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	\$202,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	\$98,000	\$1,000,000

Crispus Attucks Memorial

Status: In Design

Operating Impact: No Impact

Location: Citywide

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

Project Mission: Design, fabricate, and install a memorial to Crispus Attucks.

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	Future	Total
City Capital	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Other City	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)

Source	Thru 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	Total
City Capital	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Other City	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000

Emergent Memory (Cocoanut Grove Memorial)

Status: In Construction

Operating Impact: No Impact

Location: Bay Village

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

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

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	Future	Total
City Capital	\$453,000	\$0	\$0	\$453,000
Other City	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Capital	\$0	\$0	\$380,000	\$380,000
Total	\$453,000	\$0	\$380,000	\$833,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)

Source	Thru 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	Total
City Capital	\$280,000	\$150,000	\$23,000	\$0	\$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	\$280,000	\$150,000	\$23,000	\$380,000	\$833,000

Park Plaza Monument/Memorial

Status: To Be Scheduled

Operating Impact: Operating Cost

Location: Bay Village

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

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.

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	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 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	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

Percent for the Arts

Status: Annual Program

Operating Impact: No Impact

Location: Citywide

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

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.

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	Future	Total
City Capital	\$26,492,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,492,000
Other City	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$26,492,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,492,000

Expenditures (Actual and Planned)

Source	Thru 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	Total
City Capital	\$4,017,128	\$700,000	\$1,000,000	\$20,774,872	\$26,492,000
Other City	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,017,128	\$700,000	\$1,000,000	\$20,774,872	\$26,492,000

The Legacy of Frederick Douglass

Status: In Construction

Operating Impact: No Impact

Location: Roxbury

Managing Department: Office of Arts & Culture

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

Authorizations

Source	Existing	FY27	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 6/30/25	FY26	FY27	FY28-31	Total
City Capital	\$177,110	\$0	\$100,000	\$272,890	\$550,000
Other City	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$177,110	\$0	\$100,000	\$272,890	\$550,000