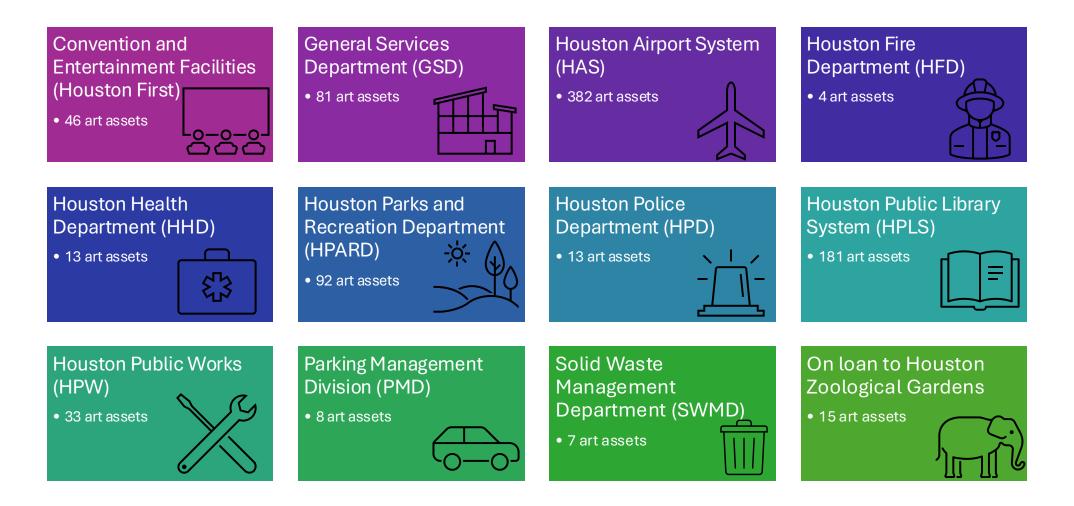
Update to the Arts and Culture Committee



Art across the City



Collection Appraisal Update

- The Appraiser will deliver the full report to HAA April 24, 2025.
- Currently, 150 objects require market valuations to be completed. Upon completion, the collection management database (Collector Systems) will include all finalized inventory information by April 24, 2025.
- Completion of the appraisal will:
 - **Stewardship:** Allow HAA to make recommendations to the City on long-term maintenance, conservation efforts, and inform accession and deaccession needs.
 - **Inventory:** Provide the City with an accurate and up-todate inventory database, which HAA manages.
 - **Insurance**: Provide updated valuations so that assets can be valued for insurance accurately



Exhibitions in City Hall

Rotunda

- Lauren Luna , April 18 June 27, 2025
 - *Possibly Extend to August 1st
- ALMAAHH, August 15 November 7, 2025

Basement Tunnel

- Sister Cities International and Harambee Gallery, February – March 28, 2025
 - *Possibly Extend to April 25, 2025
- To be Programmed, May 9 August 1, 2025
- ALMAAHH, August 15 November7, 2025

Legacy Room

with Council Member Thomas and SAID

• Africa House Evening, June 13, 2025, Time: TBD









Civic Art Activity

Houston Airports, Fund 8011 Since the Civic Art contract was signed in July 2024, HAS has signed 16 new Letters of Authorization (LOAs) and closed out 6.

HAA is currently managing 10 projects for HAS, totaling project amounts of \$1.5M, and assessing the needs of four requests for conservation efforts.

General Services Department

*All city departments excluding HAS

Since the Civic Art contract was signed in June 2024, HAA has received 0 signed Letters of Authorization, but has submitted 7 for review and authorization.

HAA is actively managing 6 projects for various city departments totaling project amounts of \$806k.

1 – HPL, Fund 4507 1 – HPD and HFD , Fund 4504 and 4500 5 - General Government, Fund 1850 (*Administrative LOAs)



Houston Arts Alliance (HAA) Contractual Relationship

Grants - Hotel Occupancy Tax Contract (For the Support, Advancement, and Promotion of the Arts)

The Grants division is the grantmaking arm of Houston Arts Alliance under a 5-year contract with the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, a department within the City of Houston. Through this contract:

- HAA facilitates a competitive grants process to distribute the City's arts and cultural investments.
- The Hotel Occupancy Tax is the primary source of funding, a revenue derived from hotel stays.
- Approximately \$15 million is awarded annually to over 300 individual artist and arts and cultural nonprofit organizations.

Civic Art - Professional Civic Art and Conservation Administration Contract

The Civic Art Division, under the Contract for Professional Civic Art Services, manages the City's Civic Art Collection, handling acquisitions, commissions, and conservation. HAA is under a 2-year contract with the City of Houston. Through this contract:

- HAA provides artist selection, design phase, and construction services for all commissioned projects, along with acquisition and conservation services.
- 1.75% of eligible city capital projects are allocated for public art
- The division manages public art funding through numerous projects, ranging from project budget amounts of \$ 2,000 to \$1 million and more, and engages an average of 50 artists and vendors per quarter for the Civic Art program on behalf of the City.

Civic Arts Ordinance

- The City of Houston's Civic Art program is regulated and financed by Ordinance No. 2006-731, enacted in 1999. This ordinance assigns 1.75% of eligible city capital projects for public art. The Civic Art Program Appropriation is determined by the expenses for design and construction services related to a project, and it pertains to various city departments.
- City Council can expect the opportunity to discuss and make recommendations to the Administration on the future of the Civic Arts Ordinance through this committee in the upcoming months.



HAA update

- City's Initiative and Let Creativity Happen grant applications are open now! Deadline is April 22, 2025.
- HAA will be hosting an Instagram Live Grants Q & A on April 9 from 4pm – 5pm
- Next grants workshop will be at SAiD Institute Wednesday, April 16th at 7pm
- Recently, the Civic Art division completed the installation of 36 new artworks for the Houston Airports, with a total investment of \$2.6 million for the new International Terminal.
- Civic Art Division is currently managing \$2.3M of Civic Art funds.