



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF  
**CULTURAL  
AFFAIRS**

FY19 Civic Art Activity Report

## Introduction

The Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs (MOCA) advances the Mayor's cultural priorities through the City's programs, partnerships and communications. It is the point of contact for many of the City's cultural strategies and implements the City's Arts and Cultural Plan and its vision to foster an environment in which art and culture flourish for the sharing and benefit of all residents and visitors. MOCA oversees contracts for grants, cultural services and manages the City's Civic Art Program and highlights the local artists workforce through exhibitions in historic City Hall. MOCA also facilitates temporary art, art donations to the City Collection, community murals and special projects.

This annual report sets out the prior year's Civic Art Program activities and financial report. Budgets referenced in the project summaries are for the entire term of the project and likely encompass more than one year.

The Civic Art Program is just one way the City invests in the cultural development of our community. Find out more about MOCA programs and activities at [www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs](http://www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs), on YouTube channel [HoustonMOCA](#) and by following @HoustonMOCA on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest news and information.



Cover Civic Art: Atropos Key by Hannah Holliday Stewart  
Photo: Alex Barber

Prominently positioned at the top of the seating area at Miller Outdoor Theatre a place known to generations of Houstonians simply as the Hill, Hannah Holliday Stewart's (1924-2010) Atropos Key is a cast bronze sculpture atop a concrete base faced with black slate. It was created in 1972 and was presented to the City of Houston by Patricia S. Woodward. The title of the piece refers to one of the Fates, the daughters of Zeus in Greek mythology. Atropos (the cutter of the thread of life) and her sisters Clotho (the spinner of the thread of destiny) and Lachesis (the measurer of the thread) were responsible for human destiny. This piece faces the Miller Outdoor Theatre which further establishes a connection to the Greek influence of this abstract sculpture. Outdoor theatres were a common practice in ancient Greece where several performances ranging from plays to music were held. Stewart's Atropos Key stands tall in an area where entertainment is created through culturally diverse and artistic talent. [#houcityart](#)

## Civic Art Program – Fiscal Year 2019 Activity Report

The Civic Art Program is part of the City’s capital asset investments and produces permanent visual artworks.

The City’s Civic Art Ordinance appropriates 1.75 percent of design and construction costs on qualifying City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. The CIP is an annually updated five-year plan addressing the infrastructure needs of the City of Houston. Civic Art Projects are generated through the CIP by nearly every City department, typically as part of the construction of new facilities and major expansion. The Civic Art appropriation is an amount equal to 1.75 percent of the amount appropriated by City Council for an eligible project and only applies to capital projects where funds are appropriated by City Council.

Civic Art Projects include paintings, murals, prints, drawings, photographs, videos, films, decorations, stained glass, statues, sculptures, monuments, fountains, arches or other structures of permanent character located on City property. Civic Art funds may also be used to restore existing art and cannot be used for routine cleaning and maintenance.

Fiscal Year 2019 yielded a total of 24 projects which include commissioned artworks, conservation of existing artworks in the City’s Collection and some Collection Management work. The 24 projects include activity with multiple City Departments. HAA has also continued conservation assessments at locations Citywide.

Type	Status	Volume
Commission	Completed	0
	In Progress	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>
Conservation	Completed	12
	In Progress	5
	Initiated	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>
Collection	In-Progress	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>

Department	Volume
Gen. Govrn.	2
HAS	2
HFD	3
HHD	4
HPARD	3
HPD	4
HPL	4
PWE	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

Project Management and Collection Management was carried out under contract by Houston Arts Alliance (HAA).

## FY19 Commissions and Donations in Progress



### Illuminated Community Reflections

Artist: Koryn Rolstad  
 HPD  
 Southwest Police Station  
 District K  
 In Progress  
 Budget: \$207,940

Fabrication of 60 tree-like sculptures creating a gateway artwork into the facility and parking lot.

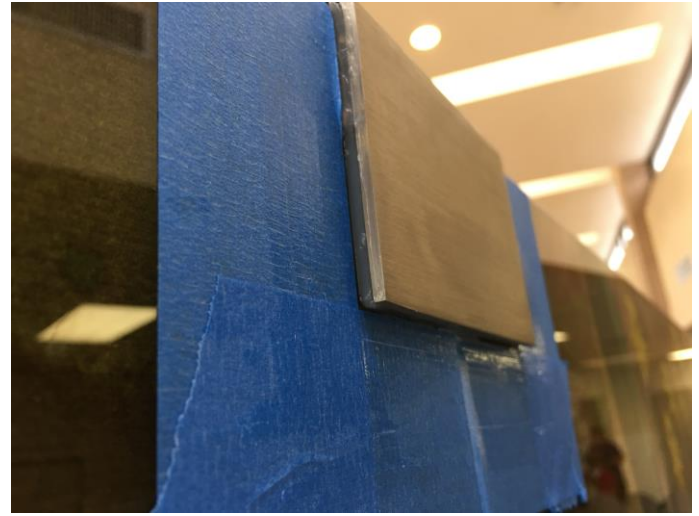
## FY 19 Conservation & Collection Work

Artwork	Artist/Conservator	Location	Dept	Project Cost	Status	Description
IAH-Various New Art Acquisitions & Conservations	Various	Bush Intercontinental Airport	HAS	\$245,000	In progress	Various projects for acquisitions and conservation at Bush IAH
Review of Artwork in HPL Art Vault	NA	Central Library	HPL	\$17,287	In progress	Catalog, inspect, valuate, and assess objects held in the HPL art storage to determine accession status.
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	GG	\$3,510	Complete	Various small conservation projects.
Allen Parkway Meters	Thomas Printworks	Allen Parkway	GG	\$20,470	Complete	Reprint and restore 2 meters that were damage by flooding.
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	HFD	\$3,510	Complete	Various small conservation projects
Conservation Assessment - HFD	NA	Various	HFD	\$600	Complete	Conservation assessment on various objects
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	HHD	\$3,510	Complete	Various small conservation projects
Conservation Assessment - HHD	NA	Various	HHD	\$600	Complete	Conservation assessment on various objects
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	HPD	\$3,510	Complete	Various small conservation projects

Conservation Assessment - HPD	NA	Various	HPD	\$1,075	Complete	Conservation assessment on various objects
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	HPL	\$3,510	Complete	Various small conservation projects
Conservation of Geometric Mouse, Scale X	Byron Kessler	Central Library	HPL	\$95,249	Complete	Restoration and conservation
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	HPRD	\$9,437	Complete	Various small conservation projects
Small Arts Conservation Projects	NA	Various	PWE	\$3,510	Complete	Various small conservation projects
IAH Conservation/Renovation - Radiant Fountain	Touch Thirty-Three	Bush Intercontinental Airport	HAS	\$95,000	In progress	Control systems repair and upgrade
Conservation of the HP Officers Memorial		Buffalo Bayou Park	HPD	\$35,100	In progress	Granite repair.
Conservation Assessment - HPL	NA	Various	HPL	\$5,500	In progress	Conservation assessment on various objects
Conservation of Open Channel Flow	Metalab, Merge Studios, Matthew Geller, Millis Construction	Buffalo Bayou Park	HFD	\$42,927	Initiated	Restoration and conservation after damage from park construction.
Conservation of Blossoms of Kashmere Gardens by Reginald Adams Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center	Hammersveld Holdings; Reginald Adams	Kashmere Multi-Service Center	HHD	\$6,163	Initiated	Restoration of broken artist-made tiles.
Conservation of Justice with Mercy by Gordon Huether at Midwest Police Station	OnAim Conservation	Midwest Police Station	HHD	\$6,350	Initiated	Repair and conservation of painted metal surface.
Conservation of Untitled by Suzanne Sellers at Fire Station 27	Hammersveld Holdings; Suzanne Sellers	Fire Station 27	HPARD	\$4,437	Initiated	Restoration of damaged artist-made tiles.
Conservation of Benches by Malou Flato at Market Square	Hammersveld Holdings	Market Square Park	HPRD	\$1,792	Initiated	Restoration of damaged tiles.
Staff Time for Refurbishment on Down Periscope	NA	Buffalo Bayou Park	PWE	\$3,055	In progress	Oversee warranty remedy made by artist.

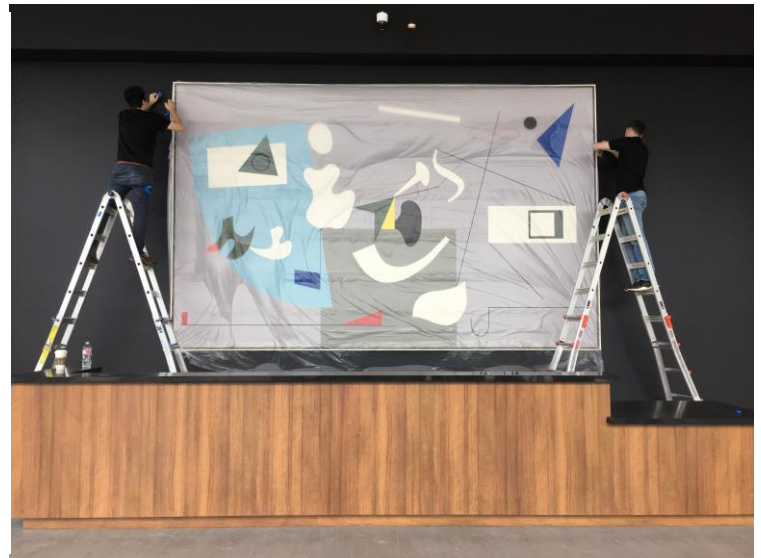


**Conservation of *Geometric Mouse, Scale X* (Claes Oldenburg)** at the Central Library. The sculpture returns to the site after being restored. Photo credit: Alex Irrera



**Small Arts Conservation Projects, HHD.** Caulk is repointed on the brackets joining acrylic panels of *Arcadia* (Arielle Masson) at the West-End Multi-Service Center. Photo credit: Mat Kubo

**IAH-Variou New Art Acquisitions & Conservations.** The untitled painting by Ilya Bolotowsky, the artist's recreation of his own WPA Mural in the Hall of Medical Sciences at the New York World's Fair, 1939, was donated to the City in 1981 and displayed at IAH in Terminal C. Removed in the 1990's to make way for construction at the terminal, it has been in storage at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston ever since. In FY19, the painting was returned to the airport and installed at the newly built PMO building. Photo credit: Mat Kubo



**Civic Art Current Pool Balances  
(FY19) Year End 6/30/2019**

PROGRAM	Balance 6/30/18	Activities	Balance
<b>General Improvement Programs</b>			
<b>Health</b> (4508 \$296,181)	296,181		
		<b>0</b>	357,211
<b>Gen. Govern.</b> (4509 \$55,029) (4509 \$22,192)	55,029		
To Blossoms Kashmere Gardens (LOA 4600012601-43)		<u>-6,163</u>	
		<b>6,163</b>	71,058
<b>Library</b> (4507 \$579,339)	579,339		
To Acres Homes Mural lighting (D-00SALP-0002-4-05)		-1,842	
Library Art Collection (LOA 4600012601-37) amendment		-7,020	
Commemoration Monument Gregory School (LOA 46 K-000424-0002-4-01)		<u>-282,500</u>	
		<b>291,362</b>	391,405
<b>Parks</b> (4502 \$11,046) (4011 \$791) (2425 \$31,481)	43,317		
To K-000423-0042-4-01 Benches Market Square (LOA 4600012601-42)		<u>-1,792</u>	
		<b>1,792</b>	98,987
<b>Public Works</b> (4506 \$91,108)	91,108		
To K-000423-0038-4-01 LOA 4600012601-38		<u>-42,927</u>	
		<b>42,927</b>	48,181
<b>Fire</b> (4500 \$595,257) (4017 \$129,686)	724,943		
To K-000423-0040-4-01 (S. Sellers at FS #27)		-4,437	
Correction		<u>-64,843</u>	
		<b>69,280</b>	717,508
<b>Police</b> (4504 \$233,650)	233,650		
To Art Collection HPD (K000423-0039-4-01)		-35,100	
To Justice w/Mercy LOA 46000012601-41 (K000423-0041-4-01)		<u>-6,350</u>	
		<b>41,450</b>	192,200
<b>Solid Waste</b> (4506 \$223) Remaining from Wrap Program	223		
		<b>0</b>	223
<b>Other</b> (4039 \$161,816) (1800 \$23,447)(1850 \$3,025)(1850 \$49,042)(1850 \$12,565)(1850 \$115,623)(1850 \$38,392)(1850 \$69,482)	473,392		
Re-Fab of Urban Over Growth		<u>-13,399</u>	
		<b>13,399</b>	459,993
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,496,959</b>	<b>-460,210</b>	<b>2,336,543</b>



**Enterprise Programs**

<b>Water &amp; Sewer Enterprise Fund (8500 \$565,950)</b>	565,950		<b>0</b>	<b>678,965</b>
<b>Aviation (8011 \$4,000,051)</b>	4,000,051			
From PN 826 MILT CMAR Amnd #1		301,240		
Transfer from A-000422-0014-3-01		494,572		
Transfer from A-000422-0014-3-02		31,070		
Transfer from A-000422-0011-3-01		150,000		
RTN		<u>-4</u>		
		<b><u>976,881</u></b>	<b><u>5,869,956</u></b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,566,001</b>	<b>976,881</b>	<b>6,548,921</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,062,960</b>	<b>516,671</b>	<b>8,885,464</b>	

**HAA Admin Fees FY19**

Administrative fees paid to Houston Arts Alliance for civic art project management in FY2019 were \$23,512.03.