

City of Phoenix State of the Arts

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Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture is the City's designated local arts agency. It supports, champions, and promotes the local arts and culture community to make Phoenix a great place to live, work, and visit.

OPPPORTUNITIES

- After overseeing the management and distribution of \$7.6 federal emergency relief dollars, the Office is exploring new paths towards diversified funding, including Art in Private Development, tribal grants, and coalition-building across the sector.
- The Office has taken over the management of the S'edav Va'aki Museum, the City's Archaeology Office, and four cultural facilities from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- The Office is managing seven cultural facility projects and eight public art projects as part of the 2023 GO Bond Program and will oversee a new round of projects set to launch in 2028.

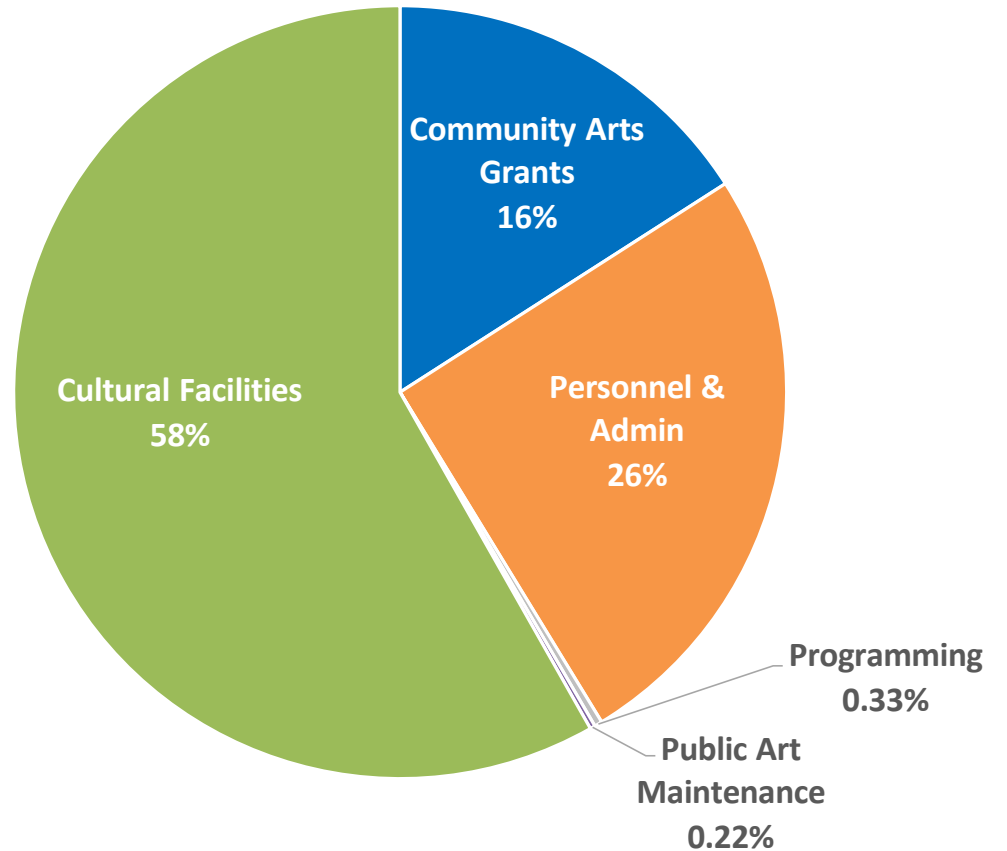
CHALLENGES

- The Office continues to see an increase in grant applications (by 10-20% each year) while maintaining a flat grant budget.
- The City and its residents face various crises, including heat, homelessness, and immigration concerns, making the case for increased public funding for the arts challenging.
- Post-pandemic, arts and cultural organizations across the city continue to struggle financially with an overreliance on individual donors.
- The challenging economy, with oil, materials, and labor costs rising, makes capitol improvements and facility maintenance increasingly costly.

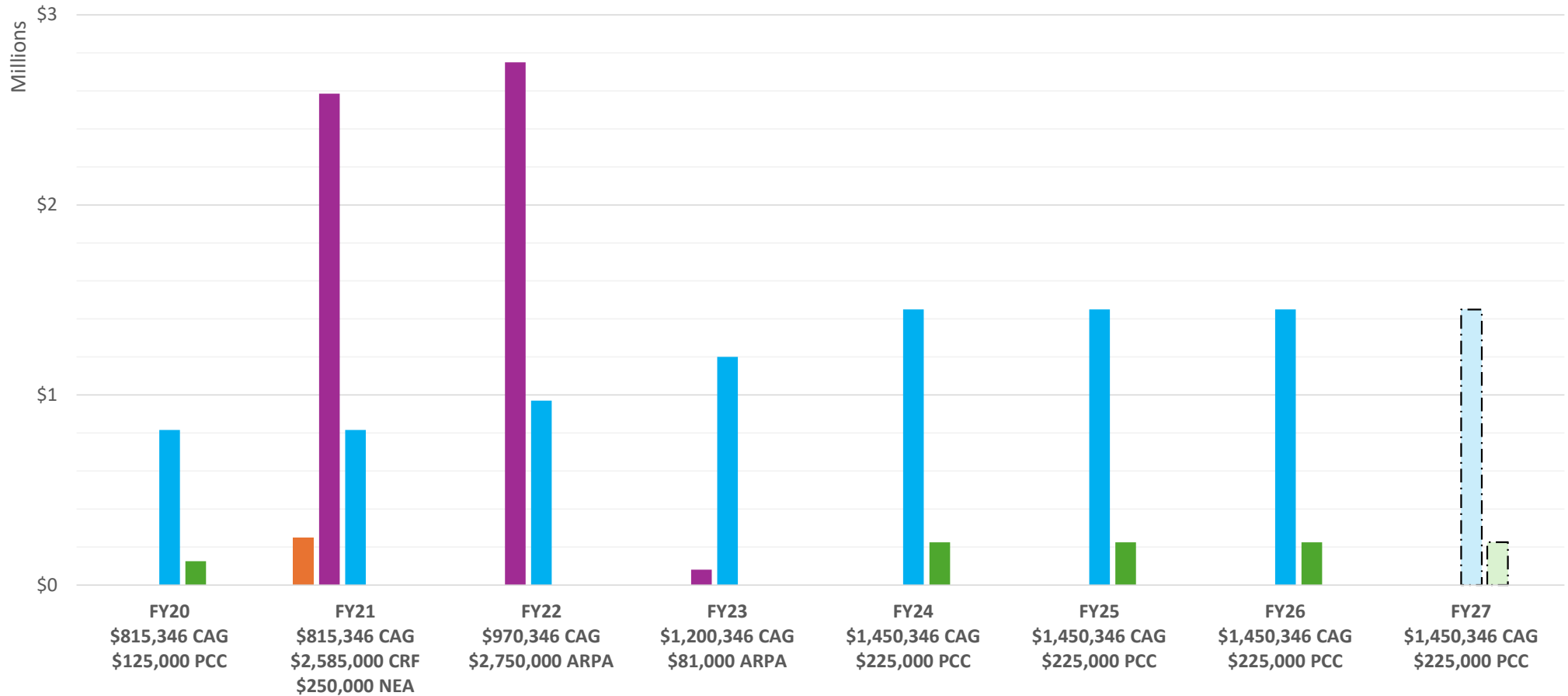
PHOENIX OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE BUDGET

\$9.1 Million

FY26-27 Proposed Operating Budget
(General Fund + Grants)



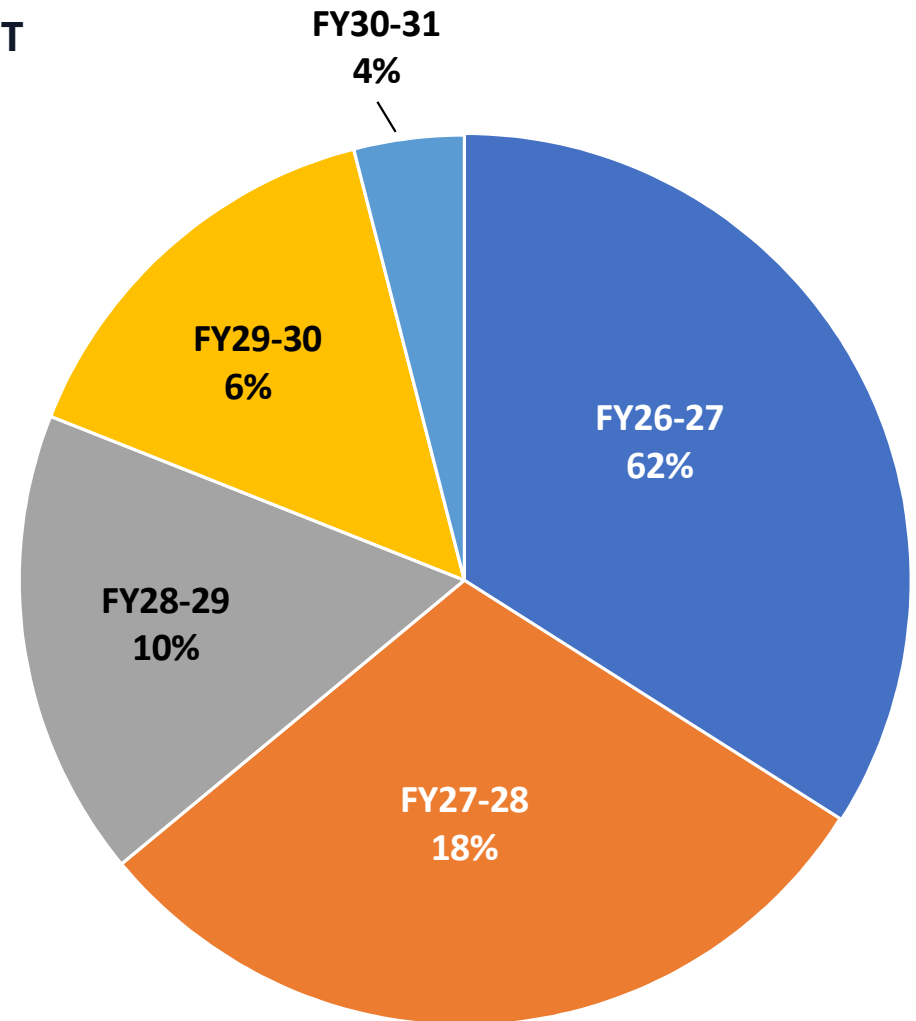
COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS BUDGETS OVER THE YEARS



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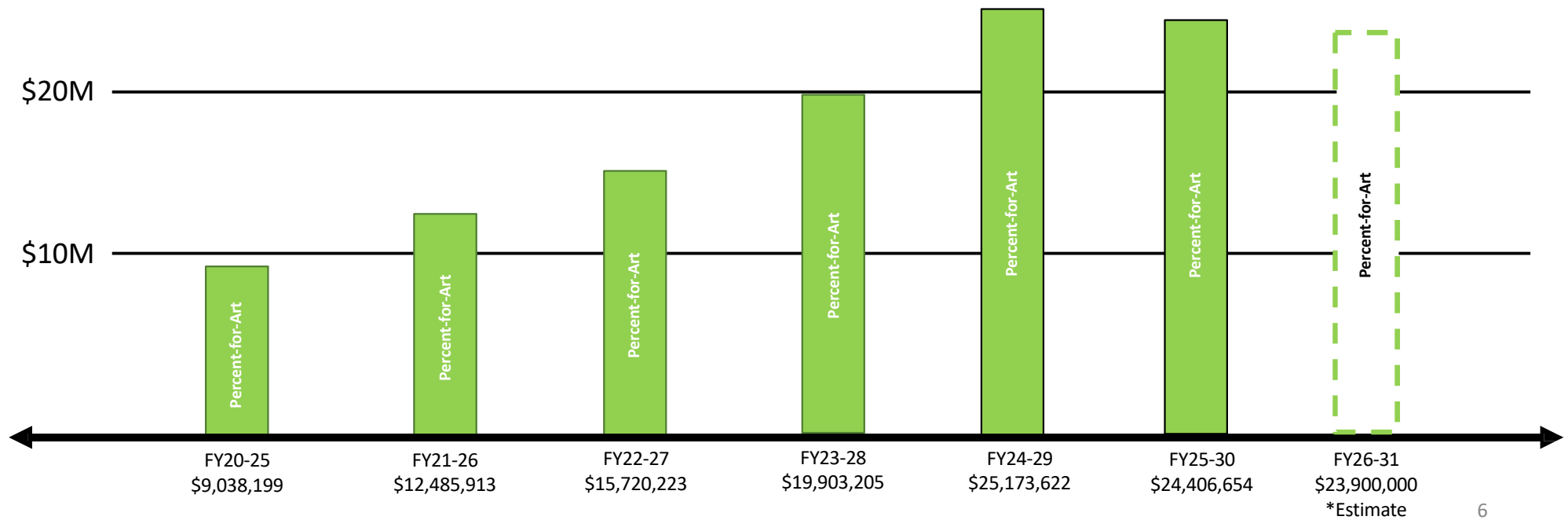
\$23.9 Million

FY26-31 Percent-for-Art Budget
(Capital Improvement Program)



PERCENT-FOR-ART BUDGETS OVER THE YEARS

Public art is supported with a penny from every CIP dollar used to build or improve city infrastructure. These CIP funds must be used for public art. They cannot be used to hire city workers, such as librarians, police, or firefighters, or pay to operate public buildings like libraries, senior centers, parks, and swimming pools.



FY 26-31 PROPOSED PUBLIC ART PLAN

- \$23.9 million 5-year budget (\$500,000 decrease)
 - Includes GO Bond funds and continuing Aviation funds (Terminal 3)
 - Continuing long-term initiatives like Heat Mitigation Projects and Temporary Art Program
 - Limited new projects due to previous project commitments
- Approval process – tentative dates
 - Phoenix Arts & Culture Commission on April 21
 - Phoenix City Council on June 17





2023 GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND

\$50+ Million

Arts and Culture Facility Projects

On November 7, 2023, Phoenix voters passed the \$500 million General Obligation (GO) Bond Program. GO Bond programs help to fund critical infrastructure and rehabilitation needs of City facilities such as parks, libraries, fire and police stations, affordable housing, streets, and cultural facilities.

Arts and Culture received 10% of GO Bond funding to complete the following projects, all of which are in various stages of development:

1. Arizona Jewish Historical Society
2. Children's Museum of Phoenix
3. Cultural Facilities Equipment Replacement (complete)
4. Latino Cultural Center
5. Phoenix Center for the Arts (complete)
6. Phoenix Theater Company
7. Valley Youth Theater

FY26-27 TRIAL BUDGET AND BUDGET HEARINGS

- The City of Phoenix will host 10 in-person Community Budget Hearings in early April to gather feedback on the proposed fiscal year FY 2026-27 Trial Budget, which will most likely include a flat budget for Arts and Culture (with additional funding to convert one ½ time staff to full time).
- Additionally, two virtual/in-person hearings will be held in City Council Chambers on April 11 and April 16.

Monday, March 30, 2026	6:00 pm	D1	Goelet A. Beuf Community Center Multi-Purpose Room 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road
Wednesday, April 1, 2026	6:00 pm	D4	Steele Indian School Park Memorial Hall 300 E. Indian School Road
Thursday, April 2, 2026	6:00 pm	D5	Maryvale Community Center Multipurpose 4420 N. 51st Avenue
Monday, April 6, 2026	8:30 am	D6	Devonshire Senior Center Multipurpose 2802 E. Devonshire Avenue
Monday, April 6, 2026	6:00 pm	D7	Desert West Community Center Multipurpose 6501 W. Virginia Avenue
Tuesday, April 7, 2026	6:00 pm	Spanish Language (English interpretation available)	Maryvale Community Center Multipurpose 4420 N. 51st Avenue
Thursday, April 9, 2026	8:30 am	D3	Sunnyslope Community Center Multipurpose 802 E. Vogel Avenue
Thursday, April 9, 2026	6:00 pm	Spanish Language (English interpretation available)	South Mountain Community Center Century Room 212 E. Alta Vista Road
Saturday, April 11, 2026	10:30 am	Communitywide Bilingual Hybrid (virtual/in-person)	City Council Chambers 200 W. Jefferson Street www.phoenix.gov/budget/hearings
Monday, April 13, 2026	6:00 pm	D2/D3	Paradise Valley Community Center Multipurpose 17402 N. 40th Street
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	6:00 pm	D8	South Mountain Community Library 7050 S. 24th Street
Thursday, April 16, 2026	6:00 pm	Communitywide Hybrid (virtual/in-person)	City Council Chambers 200 W. Jefferson Street www.phoenix.gov/budget/hearings

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT BUDGET ITEMS



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