

Mission Statement: The Arts Commission is the City agency that champions the arts in San Francisco. Believing that a creative cultural environment is essential to the City's well-being, our programs integrate the arts into all aspects of City life.

We bring the arts to you and you to the arts.

Charter Sec 5.103

"The Commission shall encourage artistic awareness, participation and expression; education in the arts; assist independent local groups with the development of their own programs; promote the employment of artists and those skilled in crafts, in the public and private sectors; provide liaison with state and federal agencies to ensure increased funding for the arts from these agencies as well as represent arts issues and policy in the respective governmental bodies; promote the continued availability of living and working space for artists within the City and County; and enlist the aid of all City and County governmental units in the task of ensuring the fullest expression of artistic potential by and among the residents of San Francisco."

Arts Commission Programs	Legislative Authority	Funding Sources
Arts Commission Gallery	Commission Initiated	General Fund Symphony Fund Grants for the Arts SFFoundation Grants Private Donations Revenue
Civic Design Review	Charter Sec. 5.103 "Approve the designs for all public structures, any private structure which extends over or upon any public property and any yards, courts, set-backs or usable open spaces which are an integral part of any such structures;"	Symphony Fund
Collections Management	Charter Sec. 5.103 "Approve the design and location of all works of art before they are acquired, transferred or sold by the City and County, or are placed upon or removed from City and County property, or are altered in any way; maintain and keep an inventory of works of art owned by the City and County; and maintain the works of art owned by the City and County;"	General Fund Symphony Fund Capital Improvements Private Donations Grants

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Community Arts and Education	Charter Sec. 5.103 "Promote a neighborhood arts program to encourage and support an active interest in the arts on a local and neighborhood level, assure that the City and County-owned community cultural centers remain open, accessible and vital contributors to the cultural life of the City and County, establish liaison between community groups and develop support for neighborhood artists and arts organizations;"	General Fund Youth Arts Fund (Transit Advertising funding) Hotel Tax Grants Funding
WritersCorps	Commission Initiated	DCYF Library NEA
Arts Education	Commission Initiated	Arts Education Funders Collaborative Grants
Cultural Centers	Charter Sec. 5.103 "To the Arts Commission, for the City and County-owned Community Cultural Centers, an amount sufficient for the purpose of maintaining, operating, providing for the security and superintending of their facilities and grounds, and for the purchase of objects of art, literary productions, and other property, and for their expansion and continuance in the City and County of San Francisco."	Hotel Tax Line Item Capital Improvements
Programs in Community Grants/ Festival Grants	Commission Initiated	Grants for the Arts

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Cultural Equity Endowment	A.C. Chapter 68, Sec. 68.1-9 Legislatively Initiated/Mandated Hotel Tax "The Cultural Equity Endowment Fund ("Fund") is established to move San Francisco arts funding toward cultural equity. The goal of cultural equity will be achieved when all the people that make up the City have fair access to the information, financial resources and opportunities vital to full cultural expression, and the opportunity to be represented in the development of arts policy and the distribution of arts resources; when all the cultures and subcultures of the City are expressed in thriving, visible arts organizations of all sizes; when new large-budget arts institution flourish whose programming reflects the experiences of historically underserved communities, such as; African American; Asian American; disabled; Latino; lesbian and gay; Native American; Pacific Islander; and, women."	Hotel Tax
Maintenance of a Symphony Orchestra	Charter Sec. 16.106 "To the Arts Commission, the revenue from a tax of one-eighth of one cent (\$0.00125) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of taxable assessed valuation in the City and County for maintaining a symphony orchestra;"	Property Tax
Public Art	A.C. Sec. 3.13 Administratively and Legislatively Initiated/Mandated "Appropriation for art enrichment of proposed public buildings, aboveground structures, parks and transportation improvement projects."	Bond Funding
Market Street Program	Commission Initiated	Transit Advertising Funding
Street Artists	Ordinance No. 41-83 Legislatively Initiated/Mandated "This ordinance is enacted to implement an initiative ordinance approved by the electors of San Francisco as Proposition "L" at the election held on November 4, 1975. The provisions of Proposition "L" are set forth herein for convenience and may only be amended by the electors of San Francisco. Proposition "L" reads as follows: Regulating Street Artists and Craftspersons"	License Fees