



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF  
**CULTURAL  
AFFAIRS**

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**Update August 2025**

- 1. Up Art contract extension approved and multiple mini-murals are underway around the city.**
- 2. Houston Arts Foundation nears completion of 13 conservation projects of city owned sculpture, and agreement is being amended to include additional conservation projects.**
- 3. All artists, galleries, and curators from City Hall exhibitions have been paid in full.**
- 4. Final exhibition from Lauren Luna was shown in the Rotunda and was particularly enjoyed by the Mayor.**
- 5. Plans underway to establish a City Hall Connector Gallery with gallery lighting and picture hanging rails.**
- 6. All open invoices to Houston Arts Alliance have been paid in full.**
- 7. Numerous new LOAs are in the proposal process as MOCA works with HAA to move fully into the new contract. Several old LOAs are in the closeout process from the previous contract.**
- 8. Round 1 of Hot Grants have been approved and awarded. Let Creativity Happen! - 27 new grants totaling \$117,500. City's Initiative – 13 new grants totaling \$128,000. Total of 60 grants and \$245,500. HAA has recently released the Annual Impact Report for the 24/25 Grants and Panels season, and it is available online.**
- 9. Houston Airports completes conservation of Christian Eckart art, Hillerbrand + Magsaman art, and installation of Cat Martinez art at Hobby Airport in District I**
- 10. Art Day reception on 08/0/2025 at the Hope Community Health Center in Alief as part of National Health Week celebrating art for wellness, connection, and gratitude, funded in part by MOCA through Houston Arts Alliance.**
- 11. Ground-breaking 08/12/2025 for North Belt Police Station with two commissioned art pieces in District B.**
- 12. Hiring process continues for Arts Administrator: 286 applicants received, top 5 candidates interviewed, final recommendation awaiting approval.**
- 13. MOCA is set up in new offices in the Mezzanine level of the Legacy Room and remains open for business.**