

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Visual Arts Committee

From: Grace Weiss, Project Manager, Civic Art Collection

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Re: Explanatory Summary – Proposed As-Needed Fine Art Services Contract with Preservation Arts LLC

Overview

The San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) seeks authorization to enter into a new as-needed fine art services contract with Preservation Arts LLC. The Chapter 21 contract will provide specialized conservation services for the wide range of artworks in the City's Civic Art Collection.

Description of Services

Under this as-needed contract, Preservation Arts LLC. will provide a broad range of technical fine art services including:

- On-site technical coordination with artists, contractors, and engineers during project fabrication and installation or relocation;
- Conservation and restoration of artworks in the Civic Art Collection of various media and scale;
- Support of maintenance, cleaning, and conservation of artworks in the City's Civic Art Collection;
- Consultation and condition reporting to support project planning and collection stewardship;
- Other related fine-art services as required by SFAC Public Art and Collections program staff.

These services are critical to the successful implementation of new public art commissions and the ongoing care and preservation of the City's existing artworks.

Procurement Background

In July 2022, SFAC issued [RFP #0000007216 "As-Needed Fine Art Services Providers"](#) to establish a pool of qualified vendors capable of delivering art handling, transportation, installation, storage, conservation, and related services. Preservation Arts LLC was among the firms selected through this competitive solicitation, making them eligible for contract awards under Chapter 21 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

Chapter 6 vs Chapter 21 Contracts

SFAC maintains separate Chapter 6 and Chapter 21 contracts to ensure compliance with City procurement rules based on the funding source and project type:

- Chapter 6 (Public Works and Construction): Used when artwork activities are integrated into or occur alongside City construction or capital improvement projects, such as installations coordinated with Public Works or other departments' building projects.
- Chapter 21 (Purchasing): Used for general services not tied to construction, including ongoing collection maintenance, conservation, or independent public art projects.

SFAC seeks authorization for this Chapter 21 contract with Preservation Arts LLC to maintain and conserve artworks in the Civic Art Collection.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this as-needed contract with Preservation Arts LLC to maintain uninterrupted support for the conservation and care of artworks commissioned and maintained by the San Francisco Arts Commission.