



# Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

## Australian Capital Territory Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Australian Capital Territory Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$79.5m**. This represented an increase of 22% or \$14.6m from 2016–17.

Table 1—Australian Capital Territory Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$63.3m	\$64.9m ↑ 3%	\$79.5m ↑ 22%

- Recurrent expenses accounted for 88% (\$70.0m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$9.5m, and the largest two categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$6.8m) and *Performing art venues* (\$1.4m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$190.96.

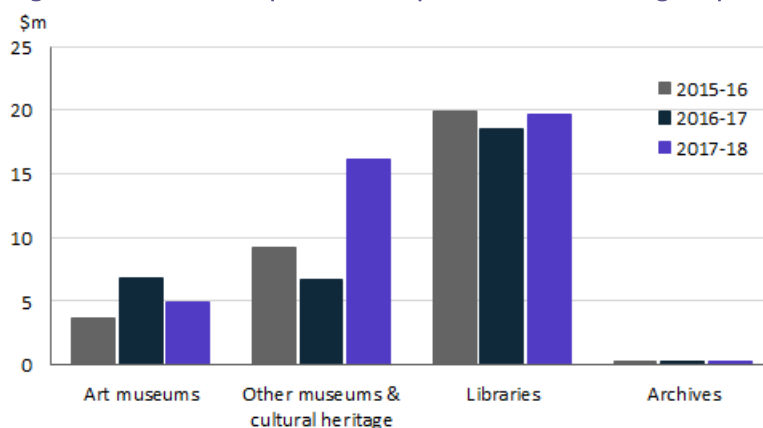
Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 27% (or \$8.6m) to \$41.0m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$9.3m) and *Libraries* (↑\$1.1m). Increases were offset by a fall in *Art Museums* (↓\$1.9m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* with \$19.7m followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$16.1m. Expenditure on *Libraries* was nearly half (48%) the heritage expenditure by the Australian Capital Territory Government.

Note the ACT does not have a tier of local government and as such local government services such as libraries were instead funded by the Australian Capital Territory Government.

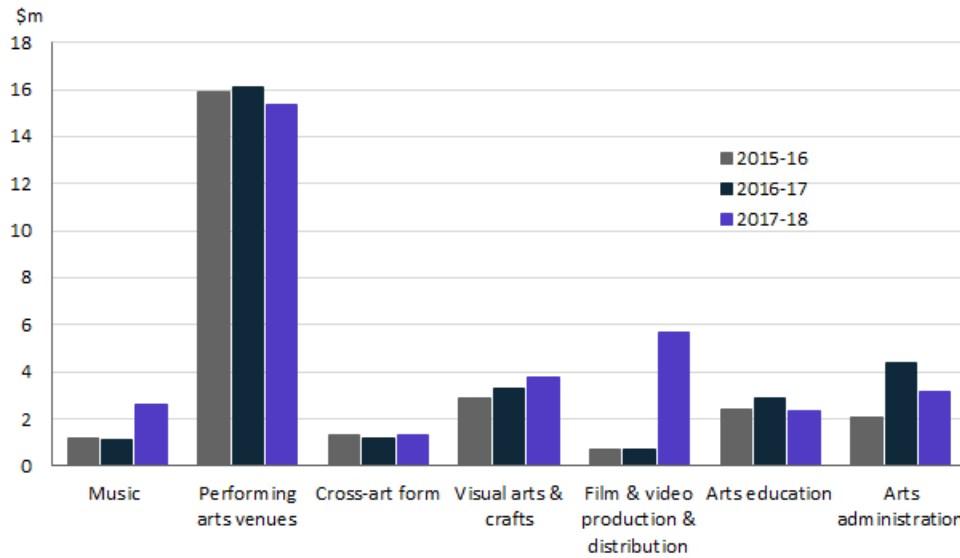
Figure 1. Australian Capital Territory Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities rose 18% (or \$6.0m) to \$38.5m.

This increase was largely attributable to increases in expenditure on *Film and video production and distribution* and *Music* (↑\$5.0m and \$1.5m respectively).

Figure 2. Australian Capital Territory Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Performing arts venues (\$15.4m), accounted for over one-third (40%) of all funded expenditure on Arts activities.

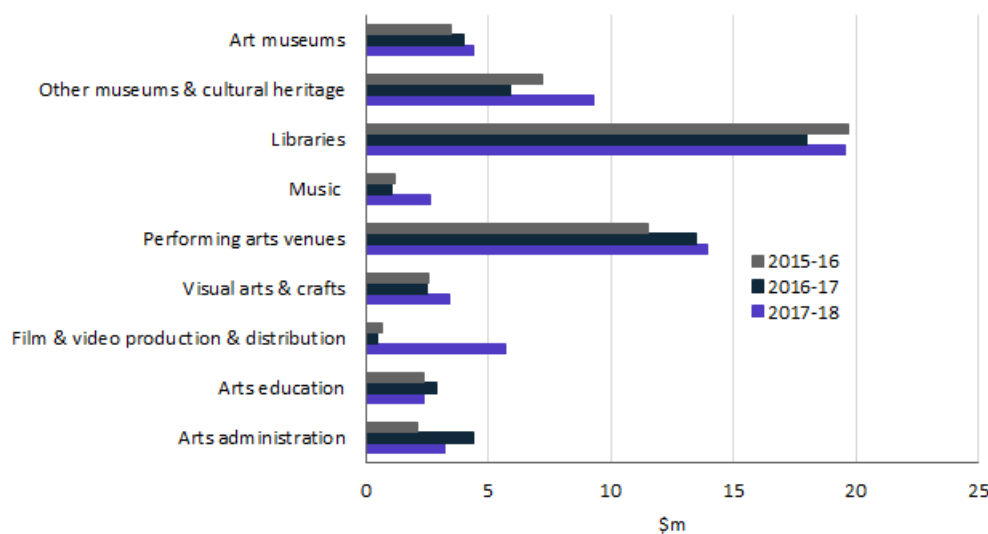
Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- Film and video production and distribution—\$5.7m
- Visual arts and crafts—\$3.8m
- Music—\$2.6m
- Arts education—\$2.4m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 23% (or \$13m) to \$70.0m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for Libraries, \$19.6m, followed by Performing arts venues (\$13.9m).

Figure 3. Australian Capital Territory Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories



- The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Film and video production and distribution*, ↑\$5.2m between 2016–17 and 2017–18.