



# Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

## Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$415.8m**. This represented an increase of 13% or \$48.7m from 2016-17.

Table 1—Queensland Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$329.6m	\$367.1m ↑ 11%	\$415.8m ↑ 13%

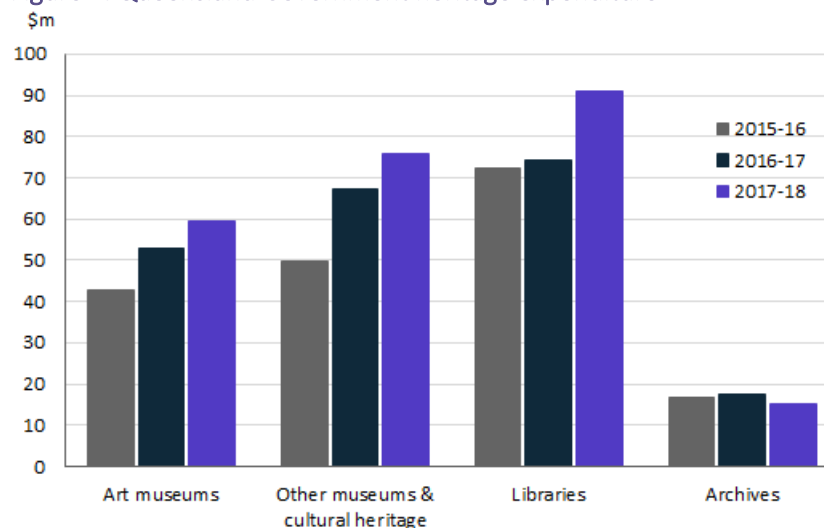
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 88% (\$366.5m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$49.3m, and the largest two categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$18.7m) and *Performing art venues* (\$14.4m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$83.78.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 14% (or \$29.2m) to \$241.3m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Libraries* (↑\$16.4m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$8.4m). Increases were offset by a fall in *Archives* (↓\$2.5m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* with \$90.8m followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$75.7m.

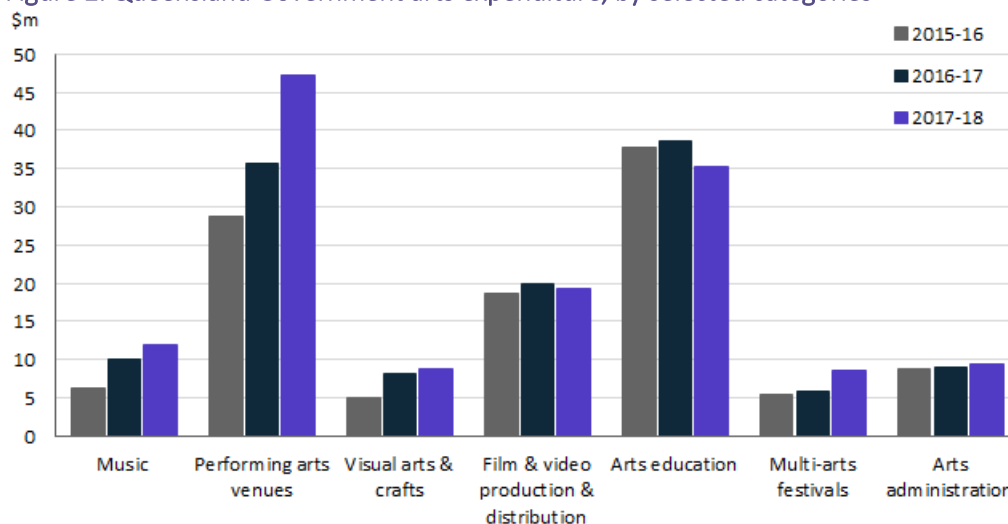
Figure 1. Queensland Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities rose 13% (or \$19.5m) to \$174.5m.

Three main contributors to this movement were *Performing art venues* ↑\$11.7m, *Radio and television services* ↑\$3.8m and *Multi-arts festivals* ↑\$2.7m. Conversely, funding for *Arts education* dropped \$3.4m.

Figure 2. Queensland Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



*Performing arts venues* (\$47.3m), accounted for nearly one-third (or 27%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on *Arts* activities.

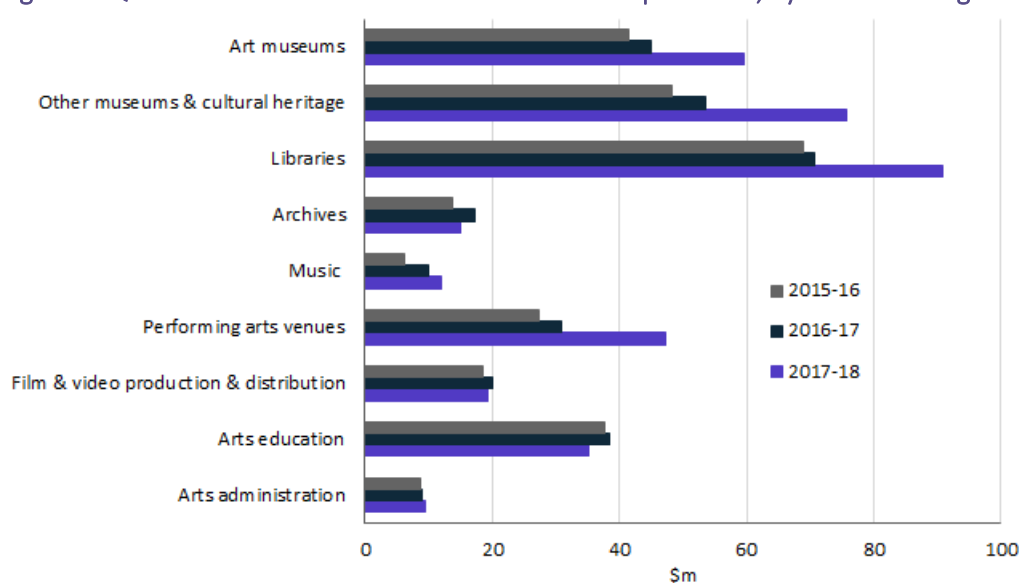
Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

- *Arts education*—\$35.2m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$19.4m
- *Music*—\$11.9m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$8.7m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$8.6m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 10% (or \$33.5m) to \$366.5m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, \$84.8m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$57.0m).

Figure 3. Queensland Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories



- The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Libraries*, ↑\$14.2m between 2016–17 and 2017–18.