Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

South Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the South Australian Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was $253.7m. This represented an increase of 27% or $53.2m from 2016–17.

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- Recurrent expenses accounted for 81% ($204.3m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was $49.4m, and the largest two categories were Performing art venues ($43.4m) and Other museums and cultural heritage ($2.2m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was $146.78.

Funding for Heritage activities remained steady at $87.0m compared with $86.6m in 2016–17.

Expenditure on Libraries rose by $1.4m, offset by a fall in Art museums (↓$1.0m).

The largest categories of Heritage expenditure were Libraries with $37.7m followed by Other museums and cultural heritage with $29.2m.

Funds for Arts activities rose 46% (or $52.8m) to $166.7m.

The main contributor to this increase was Performing art venues ↑$40.6m, due primarily to capital investment. Increases were also reported for Music ↑$2.4m and Multi-arts festivals ↑$1.9m.
Performing arts venues ($73.3m), accounted for over one-third (or 44%) of all funded expenditure by the South Australian Government on Arts activities.

Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- Arts education—$14.5m
- Multi-arts festivals—$13.3m
- Music—$12.9m
- Film and video production and distribution—$10.4m
- Cross-art form—$9.8m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 11% (or $19.6m) to $204.3m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for Libraries, $36.0m, followed by Performing arts venues ($29.9m).

The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of Performing arts venues, ↑$3.9m between 2016–17 and 2017–18.