



Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

Tasmanian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Tasmanian Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$96.6m**. This represented an increase of 15% or \$12.6m from 2016–17.

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

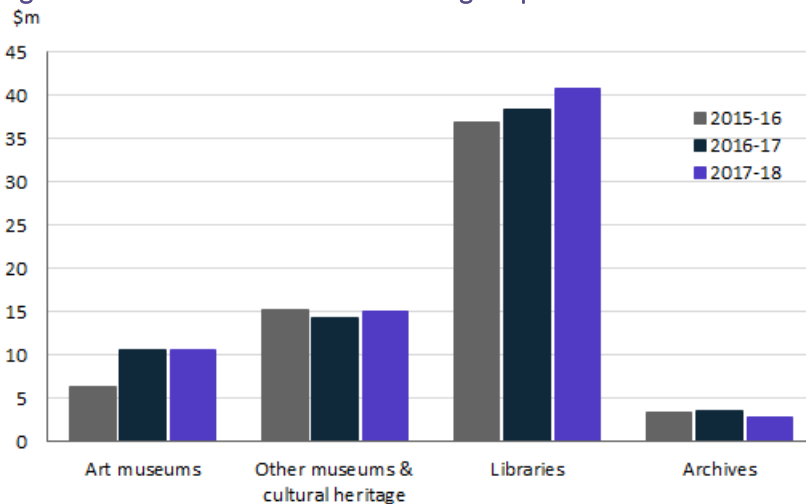
2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$76.2m	\$84.0m ↑ 10%	\$96.6m ↑ 15%

- Recurrent expenses accounted for 84% (\$80.8m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$15.7m, and the largest two categories were *Performing art venues* (\$9.1m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$2.3m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$183.90.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 4% (or \$2.4m) to \$69.1m.

Over half (59%) of the *Heritage* funding was for *Libraries* (\$40.7m). Libraries are mainly funded by the Tasmanian State Government whereas in the other states and the Northern Territory, local governments also contribute significantly to the funding of libraries.

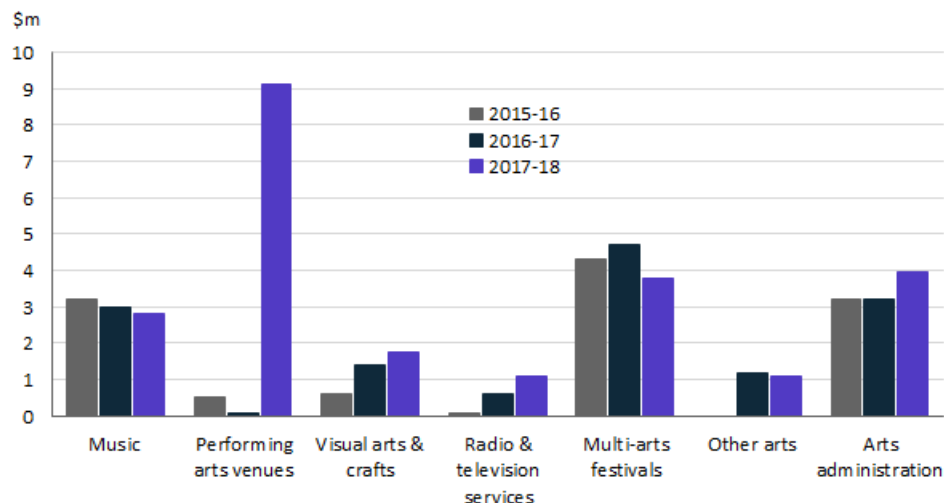
Figure 1. Tasmanian Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities increased 59% (or \$10.2m) to \$27.5m.

The main contributor to this increase was funding for *Performing art venues* ↑\$9.0m, due primarily to capital investment.

Figure 2. Tasmanian Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Performing arts venues*—\$9.1m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$4.4m
- *Music*—\$2.8m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$1.8m
- *Radio and television services*—\$1.1m.

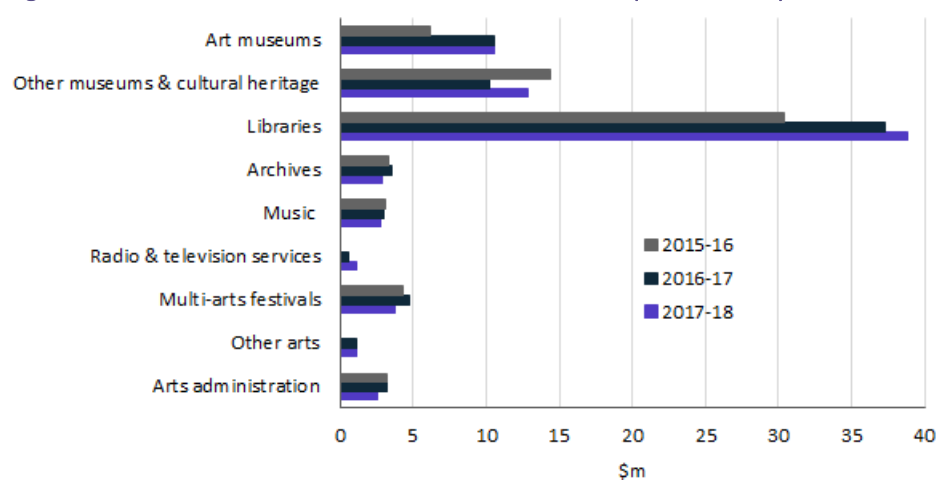
Recurrent expenditure rose 3% (or \$2.2m) to \$80.8m.

Table 2—Tasmanian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$68.7m	\$78.6m ↑ 14%	\$80.8m ↑ 3%

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, \$38.9m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$12.8m) and *Art museums* (\$10.6m). Nearly half (48%) the total recurrent funding from the Tasmanian Government was spent on *Libraries*.

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



- The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Other museums and cultural heritage*, ↑\$2.2m between 2016–17 and 2017–18.