



Cultural Funding by Government—2019–20

Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2019–20 for cultural activities was **\$450.2m**¹. This represented an increase of 8% or \$34.4m from 2017–18².

Table 1. Queensland Government cultural expenditure, 2016–17 to 2019–20

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
\$367.1m	\$415.8m ↑13%	\$450.2 ↑8%

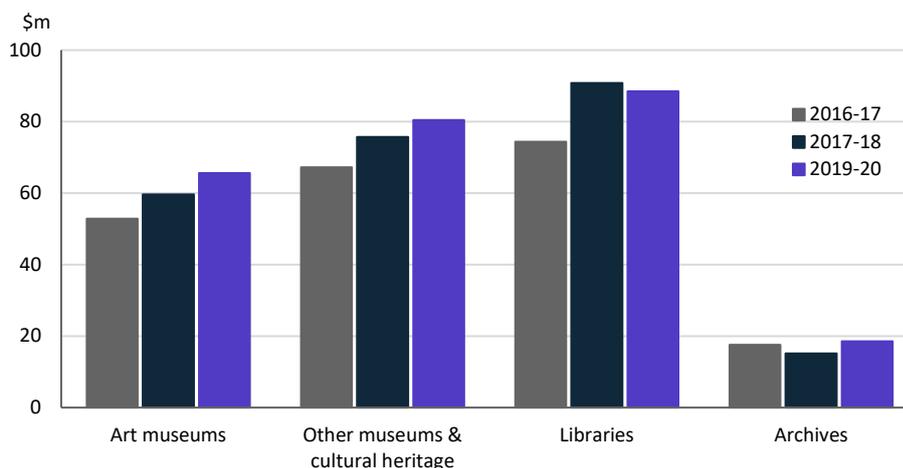
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 83% (\$373.9m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$76.3m, and the largest two categories were *Performing art venues* (\$31.0m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$26.8m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$87.64.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 5% (or \$11.8m) to \$253.1m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Art museums* (↑\$5.9m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$4.8m). Increases were offset by a fall in *Libraries* (↓\$2.3m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* \$88.5m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$80.5m.

Figure 1. Queensland Government heritage expenditure



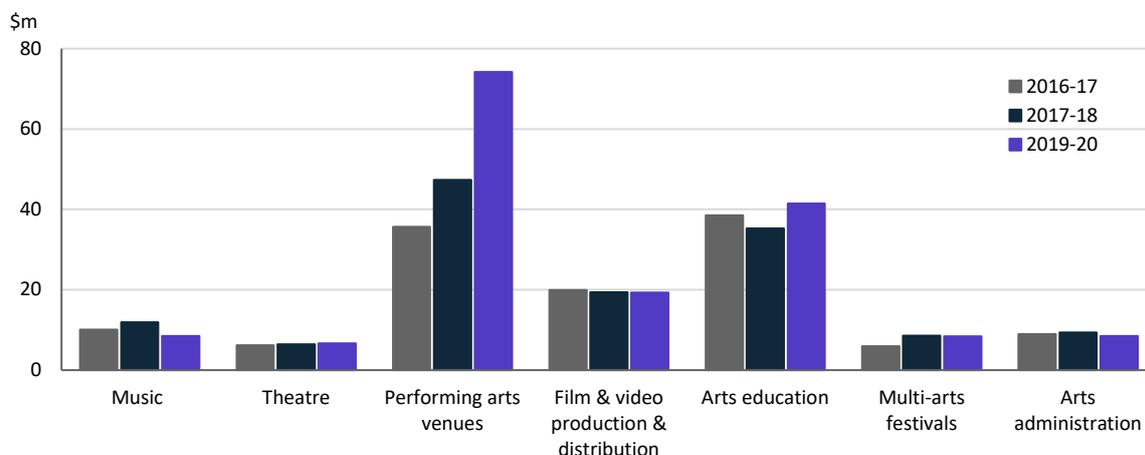
Funds for *Arts* activities rose 13% (or \$22.6m) to \$197.1m.

¹ In 2019–20, the Queensland Government reallocated and bought forward \$12.5m in funding to support creative and cultural industries in direct response to the impact of COVID, with this expenditure reported across categories.

² *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted in 2018–19, as it changed to a biennial collection.

Three main contributors to this movement were *Performing arts venues* ↑\$26.9m, *Arts education* ↑\$6.3m and *Community arts and cultural development* ↑\$2.2m. Conversely, funding for both *Music* and *Radio and television services* dropped \$3.4m.

Figure 2. Queensland Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Performing arts venues (\$74.2m), accounted for over one-third (or 38%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on *Arts* activities.

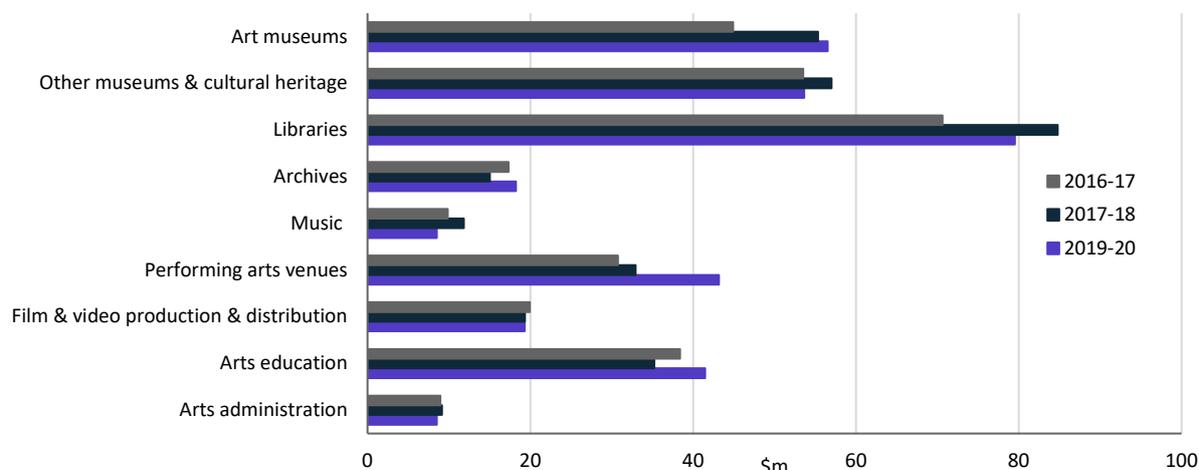
Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

- *Arts education*—\$41.5m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$19.3m
- *Music*—\$8.5m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$8.4m
- *Theatre*—\$6.7m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 2% (or \$7.4m) to \$373.9m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries* \$79.5m, followed by *Art museums* (\$56.5m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$53.6m).

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



- The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Performing arts venues*, ↑\$10.3m between 2017–18 and 2019–20.