

Cultural Funding by Government—2020–21

Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2020–21 for cultural activities was **\$506.7m**. This represented an increase of 13% or \$56.5m from 2019–20. This amount includes **\$43.0m** of targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives.

Table 1. Queensland Government cultural expenditure, 2017–18 to 2020–21¹

2017–18	2019–20 ²	2020–21 ³
\$415.8m	\$450.2m ↑8%	\$506.7m ↑13%

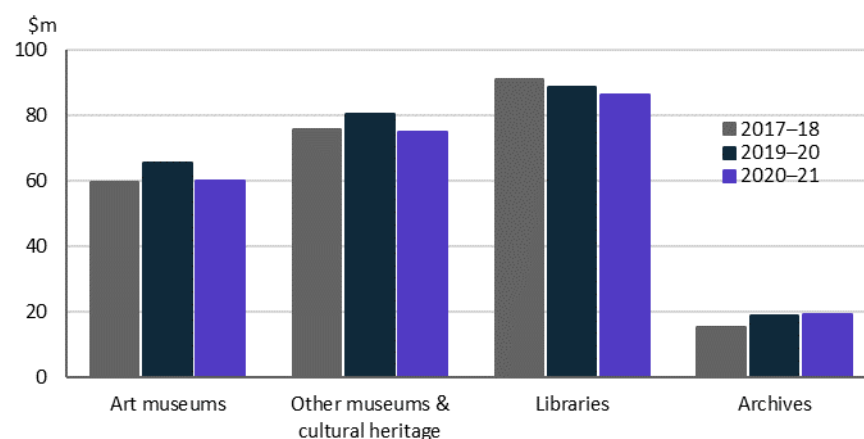
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 80% (\$404.8m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$101.9m, and the largest two categories were *Performing arts venues* (\$68.5m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$14.4m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$97.57.

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) fell 5% (or \$13.0m) to \$240.1m.

This decrease was driven by less expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↓\$5.6m) and *Art museums* (↓\$5.5m), due to the completion of capital works.

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* \$86.2m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$74.9m.

Figure 1. Queensland Government heritage expenditure



Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) rose 35% (or \$69.5m) to \$266.6m.

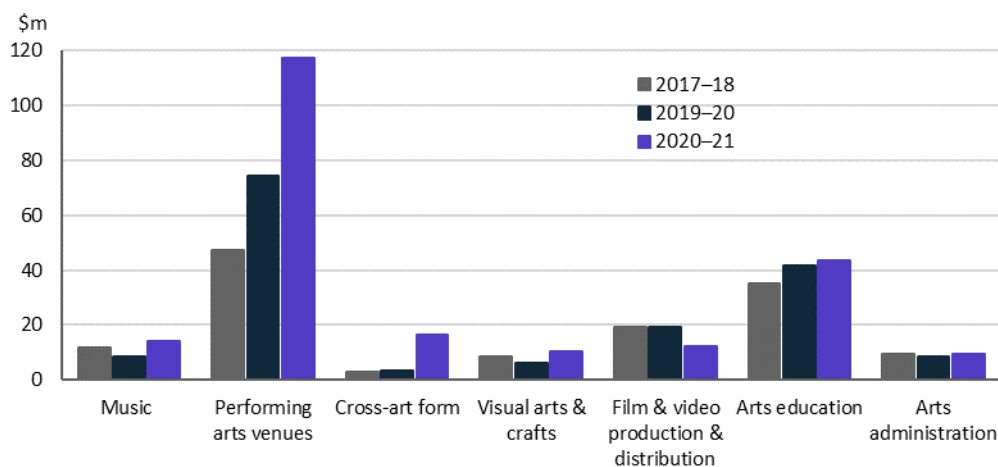
¹ *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted for 2018–19.

² In 2019–20, the Queensland Government reallocated and brought forward \$12.5m in funding to support the cultural and creative sector in direct response to the impact of COVID, with this expenditure reported across categories.

³ Includes \$43.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

The main contributors to this increase were *Performing arts venues* ↑\$43.2m, *Cross-art form* ↑\$12.9m (both due to capital investment) and *Music* ↑\$5.5m. Funding for *Film and video production and distribution* dropped \$7.0m.

Figure 2. Queensland Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Performing arts venues (\$117.4m) accounted for over one-third (or 44%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on Arts activities.

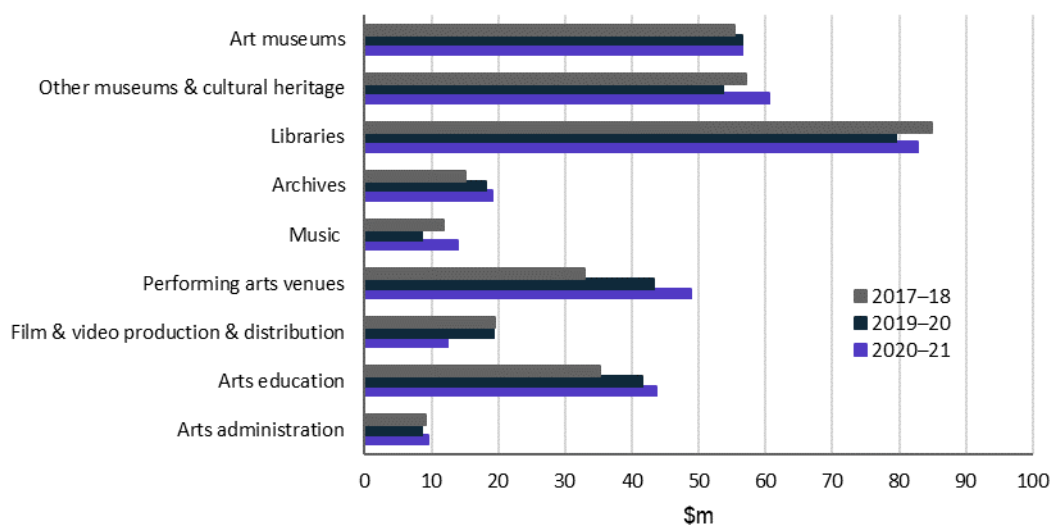
Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Arts education*—\$43.7m
- *Cross-art form*—\$16.3m
- *Music*—\$14.0m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$12.3m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$10.2m.

Total recurrent expenditure rose 8% (or \$30.9m) to \$404.8m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries* \$82.8m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$60.5m) and *Art museums* (\$56.4m).

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



- The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Other museums and cultural heritage* ↑\$6.9m between 2019-20 and 2020-21.