

# Cultural Funding by Government—2020–21

## South Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the South Australian Government in 2020–21 for cultural activities was **\$233.3m** representing a decrease of 3% or \$6.0m from 2019–20. This amount includes **\$14.2m** COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives.

Table 1. South Australian Government cultural expenditure, 2017–18 to 2020–21<sup>1</sup>

2017–18	2019–20 <sup>2</sup>	2020–21 <sup>3</sup>
\$253.7m	\$239.3m ↓6%	\$233.3 ↓3%

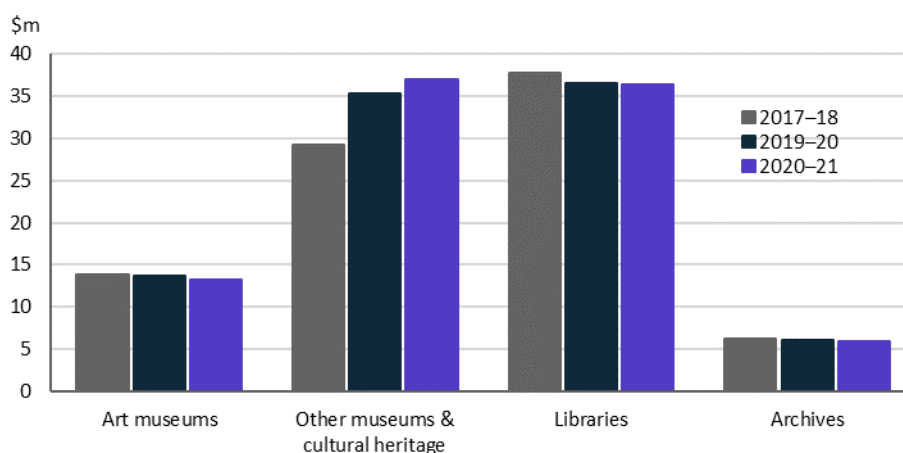
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 93% (\$217.0m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$16.4m, and the largest two categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$7.2m) and *Performing arts venues* (\$7.1m).
- The estimate of per person funding was \$131.78.

Funds on Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) rose 1% (or \$0.9m) to \$92.5m.

Expenditure on *Other museums and cultural heritage* increased by \$1.6m, offset by slight falls in *Art museums* (↓\$0.5m), *Archives* (↓\$0.2m), and *Libraries* (↓\$0.1m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$36.9m, followed by *Libraries* with \$36.4m.

Figure 1. South Australian Government heritage expenditure



Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) remained steady (↑\$0.6m) at \$140.8m.

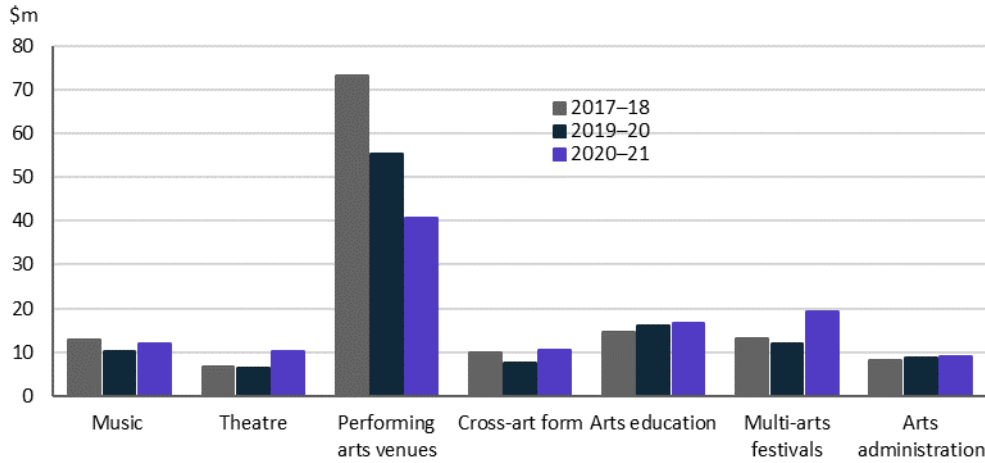
<sup>1</sup> *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted for 2018–19.

<sup>2</sup> Includes \$7.6m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported in Total figures only.

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$14.2m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

The largest increases were in *Multi-arts festivals* (↑\$7.4m) and *Theatre* (↑\$4.0m), with decreases in *Performing arts venues* ↓\$14.6m (due to completion of capital works), and *Community arts and cultural development* ↓\$5.7m (due to reclassification of recurrent funding allocated to this category in 2019–20).

Figure 2. South Australian Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



*Performing arts venues* (\$40.8m), accounted for nearly one-third (29%) of all funded expenditure by the South Australian Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$19.4m
- *Arts education*—\$16.8m
- *Music*—\$12.1m
- *Cross-art form*—\$10.6m.

Total recurrent expenditure increased 5% (or \$10.6m) to \$217.0m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, \$35.9m, followed by *Performing arts venues* (\$33.7m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$29.8m).

The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the categories of *Multi-arts festivals*, ↑\$7.4m and *Performing arts venues* ↑\$7.2m, between 2019–20 and 2020–21.

Figure 3. South Australian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories

