

Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

Australian Capital Territory Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **\$98.5m**, representing an increase of 20% or \$16.4m from 2021–22.

Table 1. ACT Government cultural expenditure, 2020–21 to 2023–24¹

2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³	2023–24
\$74.4m	\$82.1m ↑10%	\$98.5m ↑20%

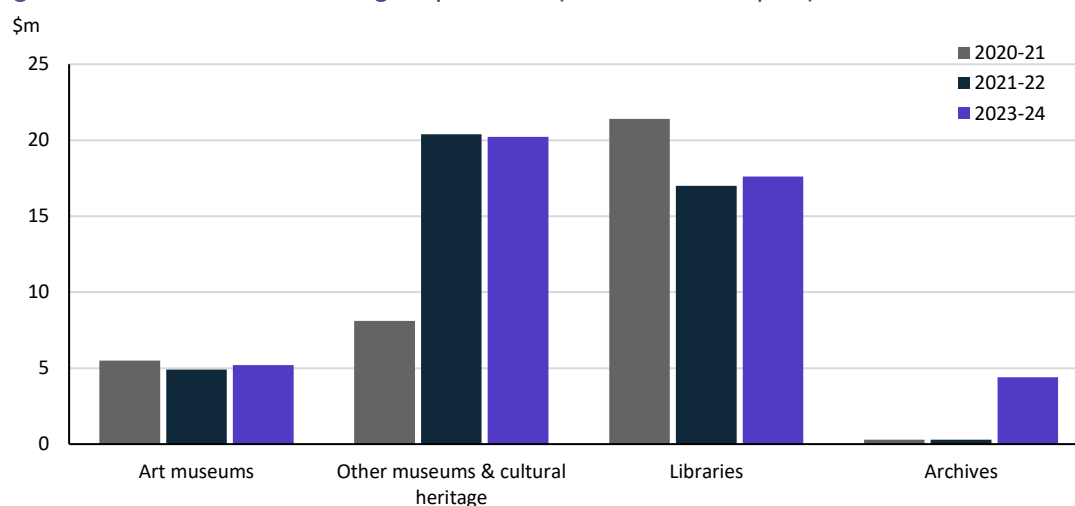
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 87% (\$85.6m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$12.9m, and the largest two categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$5.2m) and *Libraries* (\$2.4m).
- The estimate of per person funding was \$209.62.

Funds for Total **Heritage** activities (recurrent and capital) rose by 11% (or \$4.8m) to \$47.4m.

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$20.2m and *Libraries*⁴ with \$17.6m.

Funds for *Archives* increased by \$4.1m. This is due to the establishment of the Territory Records Office, which has enabled a valuation for archival storage in 2023–24. This was not previously able to be separated from commercial operations.

Figure 1. ACT Government heritage expenditure (recurrent and capital)



¹ No survey was conducted for 2022–23 due to the move to a biennial collection cycle.

² Includes \$7.5m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

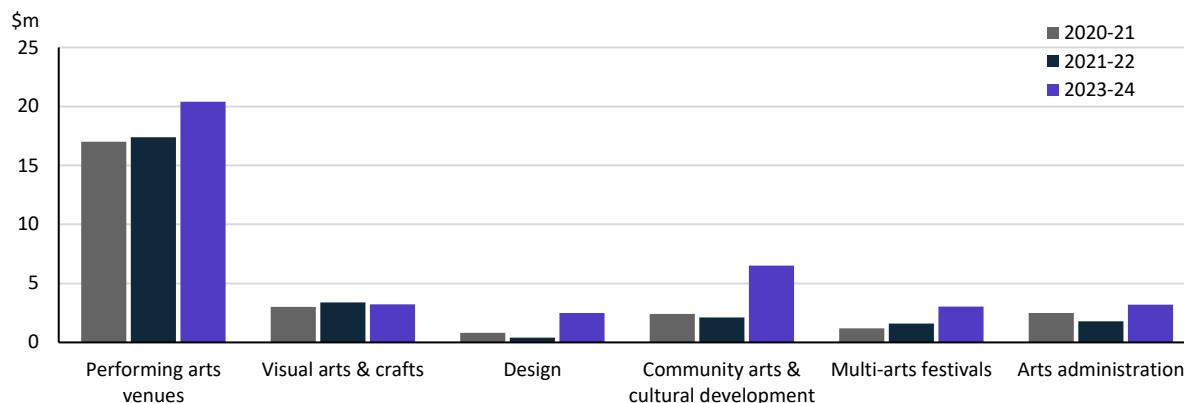
³ Includes \$3.5m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

⁴ Australian Capital Territory does not have a tier of local government with libraries funded by the ACT Government.

Funds for Total **Arts** activities (recurrent and capital) increased by 29% (or \$11.6m) to \$51.1m.

This increase was largely attributable to increases in expenditure on *Community arts and cultural development* (↑\$4.4m) and *Performing arts venues* (↑\$3.0m).

Figure 2. ACT Government arts expenditure (recurrent and capital), by selected categories



Performing arts venues (\$20.4m) accounted for the largest proportion (40%) of total expenditure on Arts activities.

Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Community arts and cultural development*—\$6.5m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$3.2m
- *Arts administration*—\$3.2m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$3.0m
- *Design*—\$2.5m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure increased by 15% (or \$11.3m) to \$85.6m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Performing arts venues* (\$19.3m) followed by *Libraries* (\$15.2m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$15.0m).

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

