

Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

Northern Territory Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Northern Territory Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **\$80.4m**, representing an increase of less than 1% or \$0.5m from 2021–22.

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

2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³	2023–24
\$77.2m	\$79.9m ↑3%	\$80.4m ↑<1%

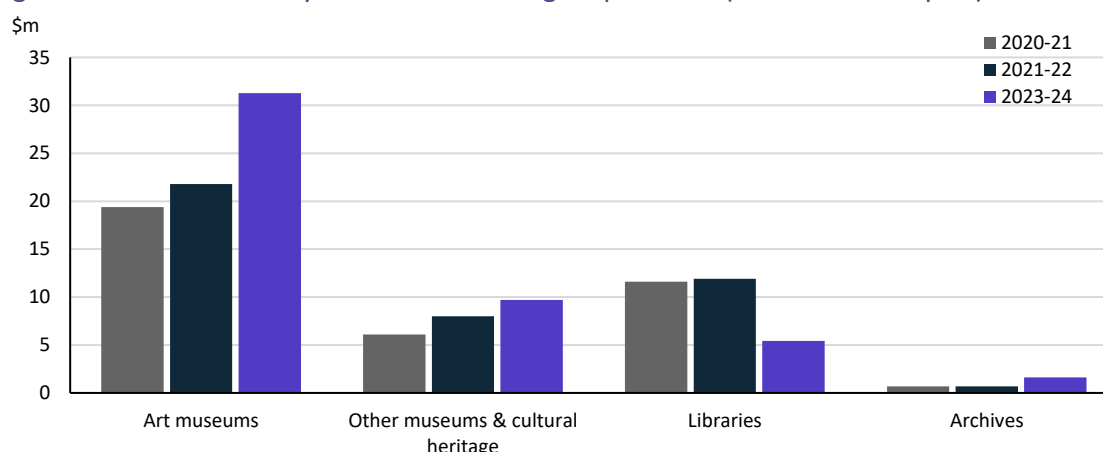
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 91% (\$73.0m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$7.3m, and the largest categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$2.1m) and *Art museums* (\$2.0m).
- The estimate of per person funding was \$316.47.

Funds for Total **Heritage** activities (recurrent and capital) increased 13% (or \$5.6m) to \$48.0m.

This increase was driven mostly by expenditure on *Art museums* (↑\$9.5m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Art museums* with \$31.3m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$9.7m. Expenditure on *Art museums* was nearly two thirds (65%) of *Heritage* expenditure by the Northern Territory Government.

Figure 1. Northern Territory Government heritage expenditure (recurrent and capital)



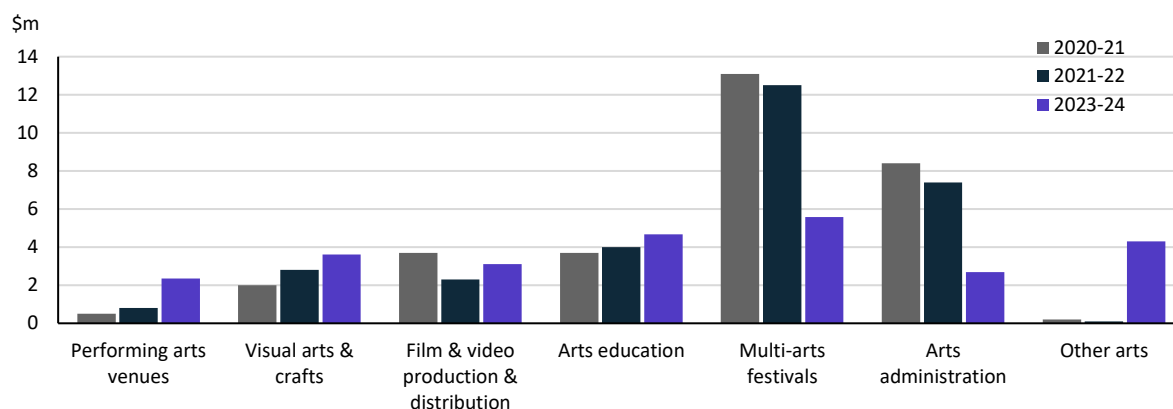
Funds for Total **Arts** activities (recurrent and capital) dropped 14% (or \$5.2m) to \$32.3m.

The main contributor to this decrease was *Multi-arts festivals* ↓\$6.9m and *Arts administration* ↓\$4.7m, offset by increases in funding for *Other arts* ↑\$4.2m and *Performing arts venues* ↑\$1.6m.

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

² Includes \$0.7m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

³ Includes \$0.2m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

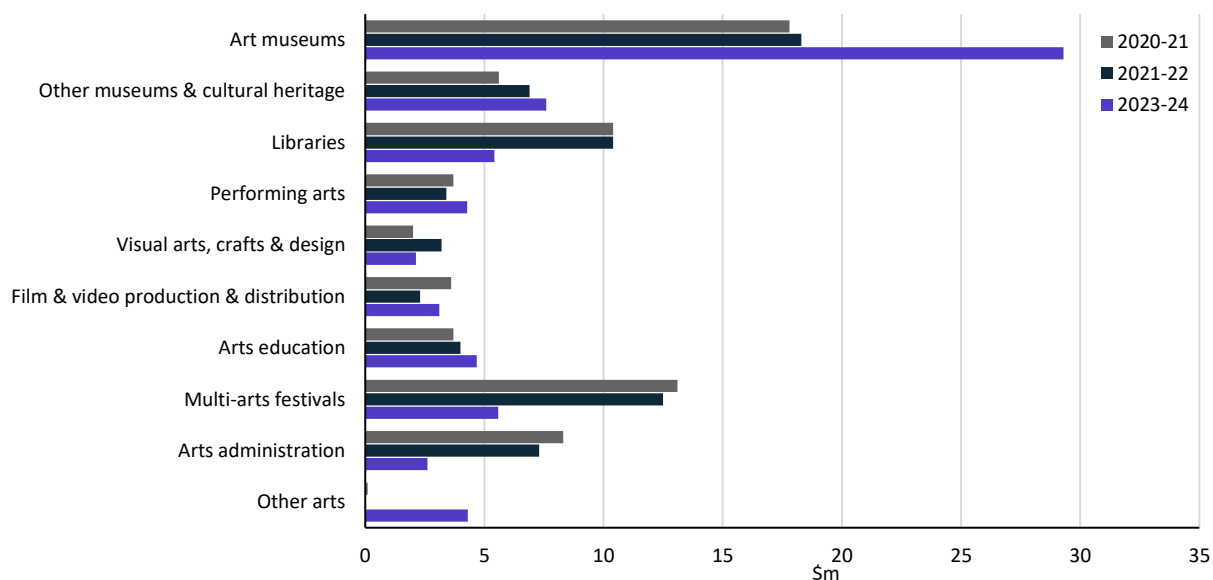
Figure 2. Northern Territory Government arts expenditure (recurrent and capital), by selected categories⁴

The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$5.6m
- *Arts education*—\$4.7m
- *Other arts*—\$4.3m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$3.6m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$3.1m
- *Arts administration*—\$2.7m
- *Performing arts venues*—\$2.4m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure increased by less than 1% (or \$0.1m) to \$73.0m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Art museums*, \$29.3m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$7.6m), *Multi-arts festivals* (\$5.6m) and *Libraries* (\$5.4m).

Figure 3. Northern Territory Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories⁴⁵⁶

⁴ *Other arts* is defined as *Expenditure on the administration, maintenance, operation and construction of arts and cultural activities/services that cannot be assigned to a preceding category.*

⁵ Value for *Performing arts* is an aggregate of the following categories: *Music, Theatre, Dance, Music theatre and opera, Circus and physical theatre, Comedy, Other performing arts, and Performing arts venues.*

⁶ Value for *Visual arts, crafts & design* is an aggregate of the following categories: *Visual arts and crafts* and *Design.*