

# Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

## Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **$582.1m**. This represented an increase of 12% or $64.0m from 2021–22.

Table 1. Queensland Government cultural expenditure, 2020–21 to 2023–24[[1]](#footnote-1)

| 2020–21[[2]](#footnote-2) | 2021–22[[3]](#footnote-3) | 2023–24 |
| --- | --- | --- |
| $506.7m | $518.1m ↑2% | $582.1m ↑12% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 81% ($469.1m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $113.0m, and the largest categories were *Performing arts venues* ($77.2m) and *Libraries* ($16.6m).
* The estimate of per person cultural funding was $105.33.

Funds for Total ***Heritage*** activities (recurrent and capital) rose 13% (or $30.4m) to $268.7m.

This increase was driven by a rise in all *Heritage* categories of expenditure. However, the main contributor was *Libraries* with an increase of $22.2m, followed by *Art museums* (↑$4.3m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* $106.3m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with $81.3m.

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

Funds for Total ***Arts*** activities (recurrent and capital) rose 12% (or $33.6m) to $313.4m.

This shift was mainly driven by an increase in *Film and video production and distribution*, ↑$31.7m, as well as *Arts education* (↑$4.5m), *Cross-art form* (↑$3.6m), and *Community arts and cultural development* (↑3.4m).

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

*Performing arts venues* ($122.2m) accounted for over one-third (or 39%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Arts education*—$52.3m
* *Film and video production and distribution*—$42.9m
* *Music*—$20.8m
* *Community arts and cultural development*—$11.8m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure increased by 17% (or $66.8m) to $469.1m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, $89.7m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($67.2m) and *Art museums* ($61.6m).

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

1. No survey was conducted for 2022–23 due to the move to a biennial collection cycle. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes $43.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $28.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)