

# Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

## South Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the South Australian Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **$373.7m**, representing an increase of 26% or $77.7m from 2021–22.

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

| 2020–21[[2]](#footnote-2) | 2021–22[[3]](#footnote-3) | 2023–24 |
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| $233.3m | $296.0 ↑27% | $373.7 ↑26% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 53% ($199.7m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $174.0m, an increase of 232% ($121.5m) from 2021–22. This variation is due to an increase in *Performing arts venues* capital expenditure of $132.8m (874%).
* The estimate of per person funding was $200.25.

Funds for Total ***Heritage*** activities (recurrent and capital) decreased by 13% (or $15.4m) to $100.5m.

Expenditure decreased in the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↓$15.4m)due to a reduction in capital expenditure from 2021–22, *Libraries* (↓$0.1m) and *Archives* (↓$0.1m), with a rise in *Art museums* of $0.3m.

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Other museums and cultural heritage* with $44.5m, followed by *Libraries* with $35.0m.

Figure 1. South Australian Government heritage expenditure (recurrent and capital)

Funds for Total ***Arts*** activities (recurrent and capital) increased by $93.2m (↑52%) to $273.3m.

The largest increases were in *Performing arts venues* (↑$102.9m) and *Cross-art form* (↑$3.6m).

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

*Performing arts venues* ($164.3m), accounted for 60% of all funded expenditure by the South Australian Government on *Arts* activities. However, as noted above, this figure included capital expenditure totalling $148.0m in 2023–24.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Multi-arts festivals*—$20.0m
* *Arts education*—$13.2m
* *Music*—$12.8m
* *Cross-art form*—$11.2m
* *Arts administration*—$10.9m.

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure decreased 18% or $43.8m from 2021–22.

Recurrent expenditure was largest for *Libraries* ($34.3m), *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($33.3m) and *Multi-arts festivals* ($20.0m).

The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the categories of *Cross-art form* ↑$3.6m and *Other museums and cultural heritage* ↑$2.4m, between 2021–22 and 2023–24. The largest decrease in recurrent expenditure was for *Performing arts venues* (↓$29.9m) and *Film and video production and distribution* (↓$11.5m).

Figure 3. South Australian 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 $14.2m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $11.3m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)