

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 2023–24¹

2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³	2023–24
\$233.3m	\$296.0 ↑27%	\$373.7 ↑26%

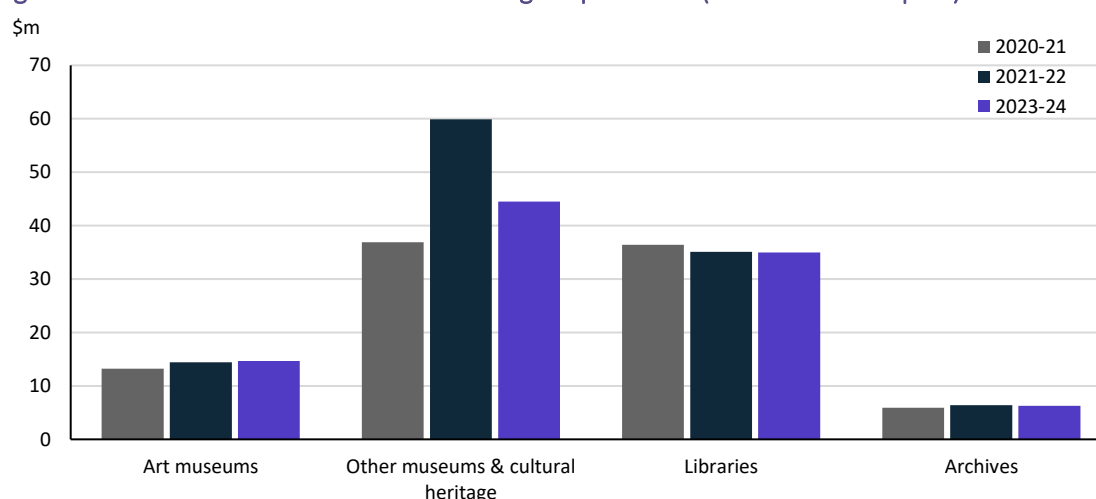
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 53% (\$199.7m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$174.0m, an increase of 232% (\$121.5m) from 2021–22. This variation is due to an increase in *Performing arts venues* capital expenditure of \$132.8m (874%).
- The estimate of per person funding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

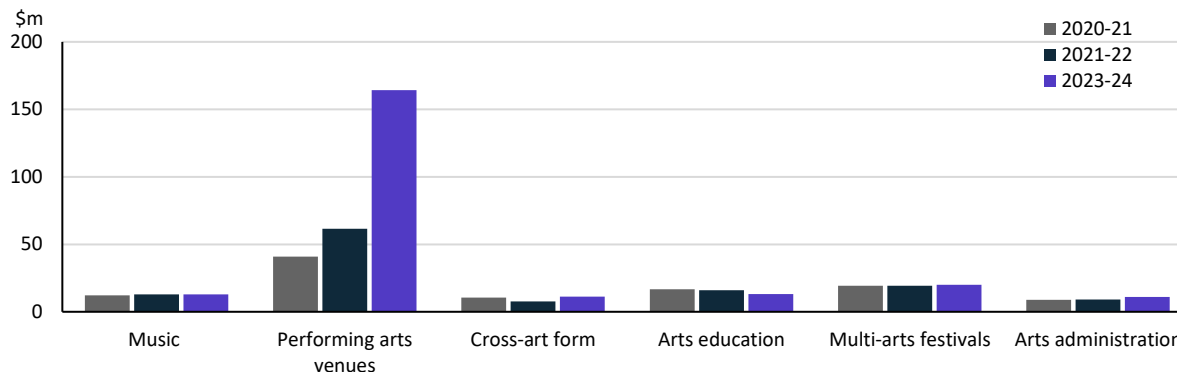
¹ No survey was conducted for 2022–23 due to the move to a biennial collection cycle.

² Includes \$14.2m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

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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

