

# Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

## Tasmanian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Tasmanian Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **$88.4m**. This represented a decrease of 7% or $6.5m from 2021–22.

Table 1. Tasmanian 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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| $90.4m | $94.9 ↑5% | $88.4 ↓7% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 98% of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $1.3m, and the largest contributing category was *Libraries* ($1.1m).
* The estimate of per person funding was $153.88.

Funds for Total ***Heritage*** activities (recurrent and capital) dropped by 3% (or $2.2m) to $64.8m.

Expenditure in *Heritage* categories made up nearly three quarters (73%) of cultural expenditure by the Tasmanian Government. Funds for *Libraries* ($38.0m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($22.3m) made up the greatest proportion of *Heritage* expenditure.

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

Funds for Total ***Arts*** activities (recurrent and capital) decreased by 15% (or $4.3m) to $23.6m. The largest change in *Arts* expenditure was in the category of *Community arts and cultural development* (↓$1.5m).

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

Funded expenditure by the Tasmanian Government on *Arts* activities were greatest in the categories of *Multi-arts festivals* ($7.4m) and *Music* ($4.4m).

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Film and video production and distribution*—$3.0m
* *Arts administration*—$2.8m
* *Performing arts venues*—$1.2m
* *Cross-art form*—$1.0m
* *Visual arts and crafts*—$0.9m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure decreased by 6% (or $5.8m) to $87.1m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, $36.8m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($22.1m) and *Multi-arts festivals* ($7.4m).

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

The largest recurrent dollar change was for the category of *Libraries* ↓$4.8m between 2021–22 and 2023–24.

1. No survey was conducted for 2022–23 due to the move to a biennial collection cycle. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes $2.2m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. $0.2m of this expenditure is included in the totals only. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $3.3m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)