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# Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

## Victorian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Victorian Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **$726.8m**. This represented a decrease of 2% or $18.2m from 2021–22.

Table 1. Victorian 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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| $771.9m | $745.0m ↓3% | $726.8m ↓2% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 78% ($570.1m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $156.8m, and the largest categories were *Cross-art form* ($120.4m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($14.7m).
* The estimate of per person funding was $105.33.

Funds on Total ***Heritage*** activities (recurrent and capital) decreased 8% (or $26.0m) to $304.2m.

This decrease was driven by a drop in the categories of *Art Museums* (↓$12.0m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↓$15.1m).

The largest proportion (37%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on Libraries ($112.8m), 32% on *Art museums* ($98.6m), 25% on *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($76.0m)and 6% on *Archives* ($16.8m).

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

Funds for Total ***Arts*** activities (recurrent and capital) rose 2% (or $7.7m) to $422.6m.

This increase was driven by a rise in expenditure in *Cross-art form* (↑$151.4m), however was offset by a decrease in *Performing arts venues* (↓$105.1m) and *Arts Education* (↓$29.1).

Figure 2. Victorian Government arts expenditure (recurrent and capital), by selected categories[[4]](#footnote-4)

The main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Cross-art form*—$165.6m
* *Film and video production and distribution*—$64.2m
* *Performing arts venues*—$54.9m
* *Arts administration*—$29.9m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure decreased 1% (or $4.8m) to $570.1m.

Table 2. Victorian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2020–21 to 2023–24

| 2020–21[[5]](#footnote-5) | 2021–22[[6]](#footnote-6) | 2023–24 |
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| $603.8m | $574.8m ↓5% | $570.1m ↓1% |

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, $107.4m, followed by *Art museums* $94.0m.

Figure 3. Victorian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories4

1. No survey was conducted for 2022–23 due to the move to a biennial collection cycle. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes $122.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $105.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. From 2023–24, funding across the two categories of *Radio and television services* *and Film and video production and distribution* changed due to improved reporting methodology. Caution should be taken when comparing this expenditure between years. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Includes $122.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Includes $105.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)