

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 2023–24¹

2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³	2023–24
\$771.9m	\$745.0m ↓3%	\$726.8m ↓2%

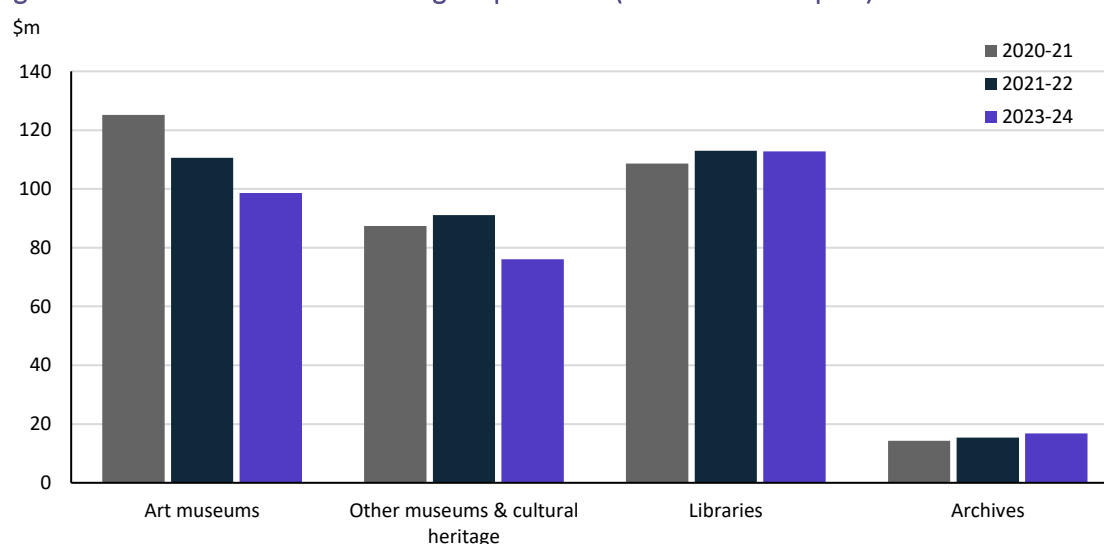
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 78% (\$570.1m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$156.8m, and the largest categories were *Cross-art form* (\$120.4m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$14.7m).
- The estimate of per person funding was \$105.33.

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)



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

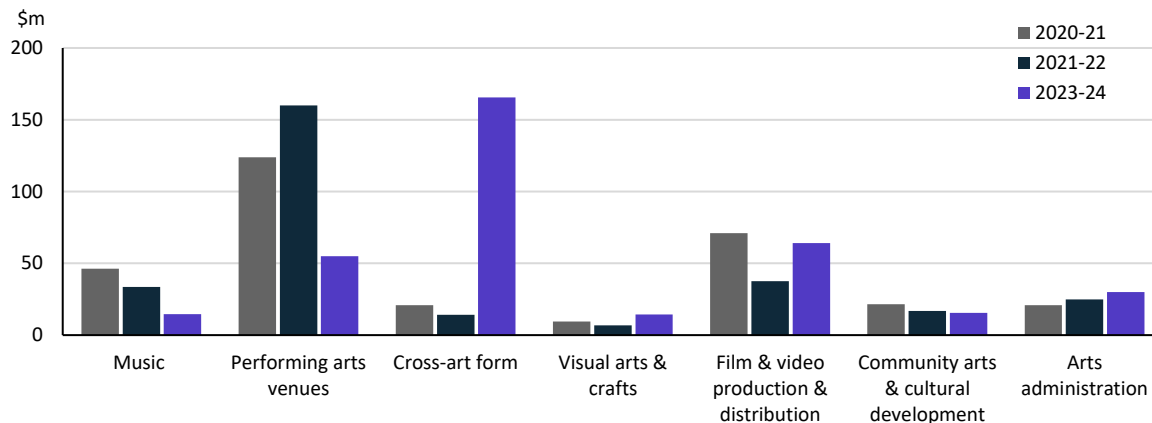
² Includes \$122.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

³ Includes \$105.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

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 categories⁴



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

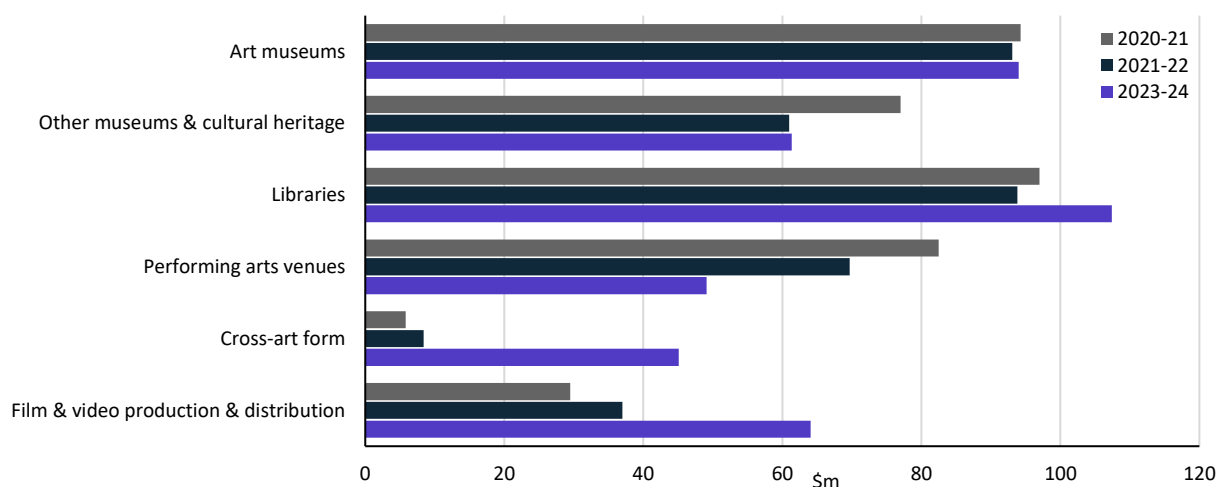
Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure decreased 1% (or \$4.8m) to \$570.1m.

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

2020–21 ⁵	2021–22 ⁶	2023–24
\$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



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.

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⁶ Includes \$105.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.