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# Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

## Western Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Western Australian Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **$376.0m**, representing an increase of 7% or $25.9m from 2021–22.

Table 1. Western 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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| $294.9m | $350.1m ↑19% | $376.0m ↑7% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 81% ($306.0m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenses accounted for 19% ($70.1m) of funded cultural expenditure. The largest categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($25.1m) and *Film and video production and distribution* ($23.3m).
* The estimate of per person funding was $128.39.

Funds for Total ***Heritage*** activities (recurrent and capital) decreased by 7% (or $11.9m) to $165.7m.

The largest proportion (65%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($108.5m)followed by *Libraries* (19%, $30.9m), *Art museums* (15%, $24.9m) and *Archives* (1%, $1.4m).

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

Funds for Total ***Arts*** activities (recurrent and capital) increased 35% (or $54.2m) to $210.4m.

The main contributors to this increase were *Music* ↑$8.3m, *Visual arts and crafts* ↑$10.9m, and *Film and video production and distribution* ↑$13.0m*.*

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

The main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Film and video production and distribution*—$44.3m
* *Performing arts venues*—$28.6m
* *Multi-arts festivals*—$23.4m
* *Arts administration*—$19.9m
* *Visual arts and crafts*—$19.8m
* *Music*—$15.4m
* *Community arts and cultural development*—$14.3m
* *Arts education*—$10.1m
* *Theatre*—$7.7m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure increased 11% (or $31.2m) to $306.0m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($83.4m) followed by *Libraries* ($30.5m), *Art museums* ($23.9m), *Multi-arts festivals* ($21.8m) and *Performing arts venues* ($21.7m).

Figure 3. Western Australian 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 $12.1m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $16.8m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. $16.2m of this expenditure is included in the totals only. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Recurrent and total expenditure in the categories of *Performing arts venues* and *Theatre* for 2021–22 has been revised. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)