

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 2023–24¹

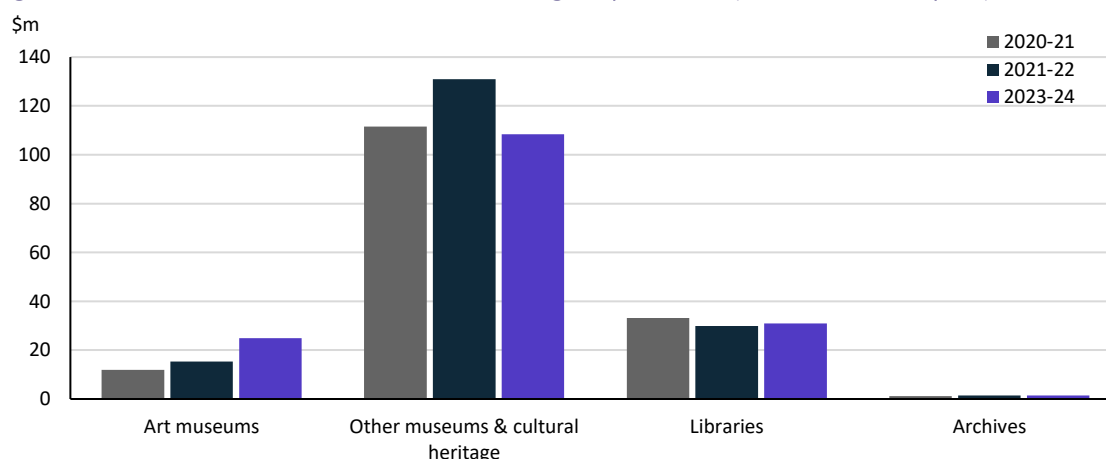
2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³	2023–24
\$294.9m	\$350.1m ↑19%	\$376.0m ↑7%

- 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)



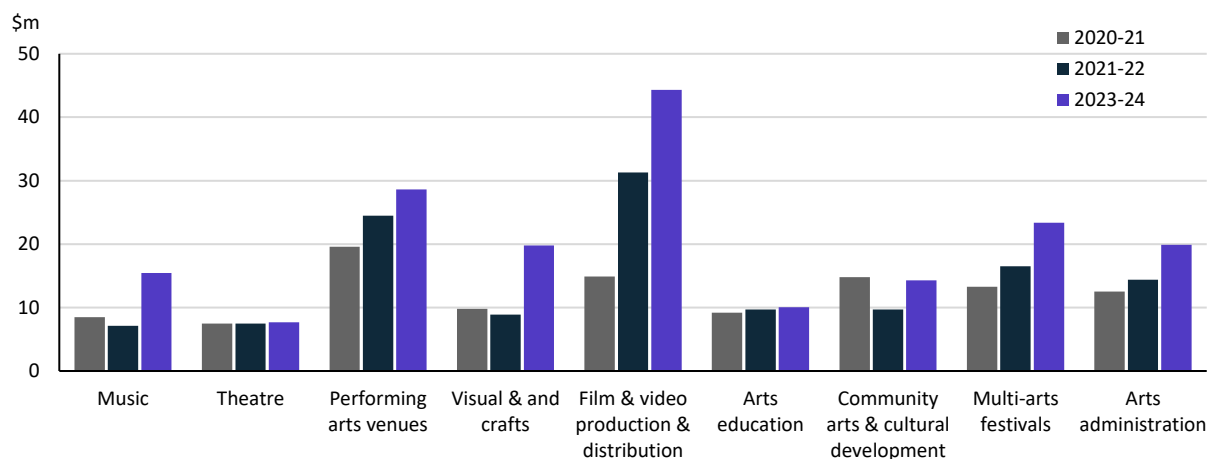
Funds for Total **Arts** activities (recurrent and capital) increased 35% (or \$54.2m) to \$210.4m.

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.

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

² Includes \$12.1m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

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.

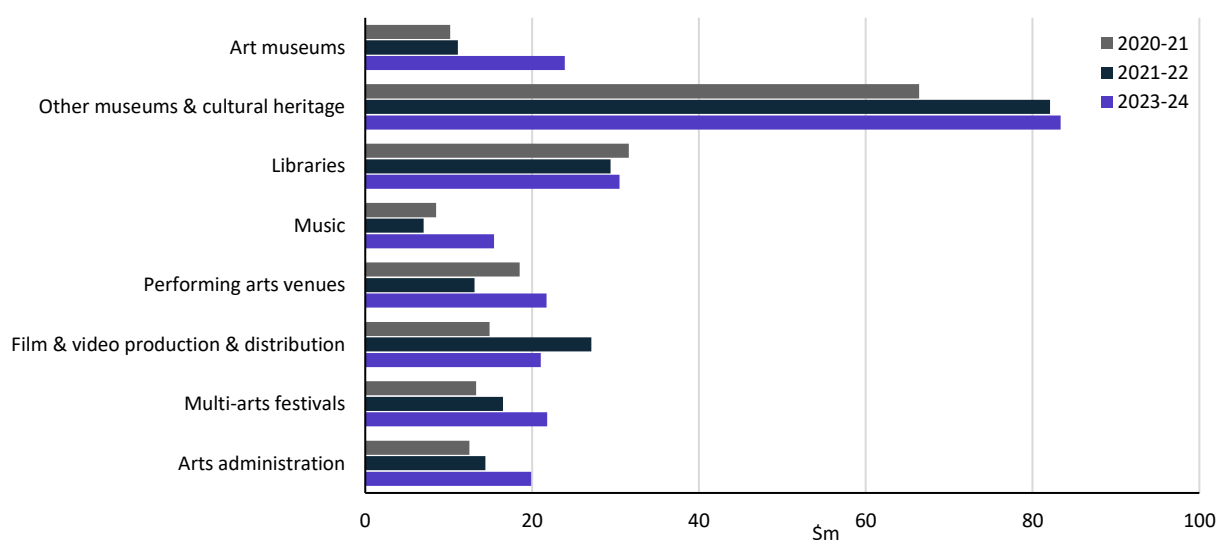
Figure 2. Western Australian Government arts expenditure (recurrent and capital), by selected categories⁴

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

⁴ Recurrent and total expenditure in the categories of *Performing arts venues* and *Theatre* for 2021–22 has been revised.