

# Cultural Funding by Government—2021–22

## Australian Government

In 2021–22 the estimate of expenditure on cultural activities, funded by the Australian Government, was **\$3,165.2m** representing a rise of 7% or **\$198.2m** from 2020–21. This amount includes **\$210.1m** targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives. The COVID funding includes **\$4.4m** that could not be reported by individual category and is included in the totals only.

Table 1. Australian Government cultural expenditure, 2019–20 to 2021–22

2019–20 <sup>1</sup>	2020–21 <sup>2</sup>	2021–22 <sup>3</sup>
\$2,743.8m	\$2,967.0m ↑8%	\$3,165.2m ↑7%

The estimate of per person cultural funding was **\$122.81**.

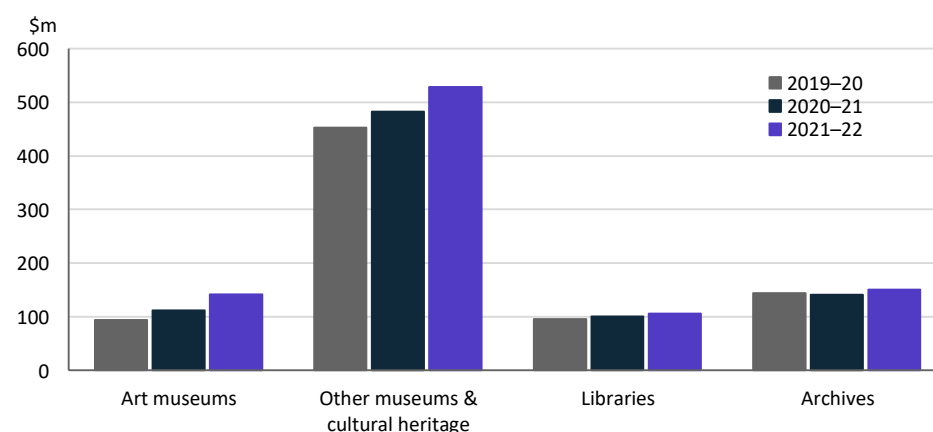
## Heritage

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) increased 11% (or \$91.0m) to \$927.0m, including \$3.0m targeted COVID support funding.

Expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* and *Art museums* increased \$46.0m and \$29.9m respectively.

The categories with the highest levels of *Heritage* expenditure were *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$528.9m, followed by *Archives* with \$150.5m.

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



<sup>1</sup> Includes \$38.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported in Total figures only.

<sup>2</sup> Includes \$232.6m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$210.1m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. \$4.4m is included in the totals only.

## Arts

The Australian Government allocated more than double the funding to *Arts* activities, compared to *Heritage* activities (71% and 29% respectively).

Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) increased 5% (or \$102.7m) to \$2,233.7m, including \$202.7m COVID support funding.

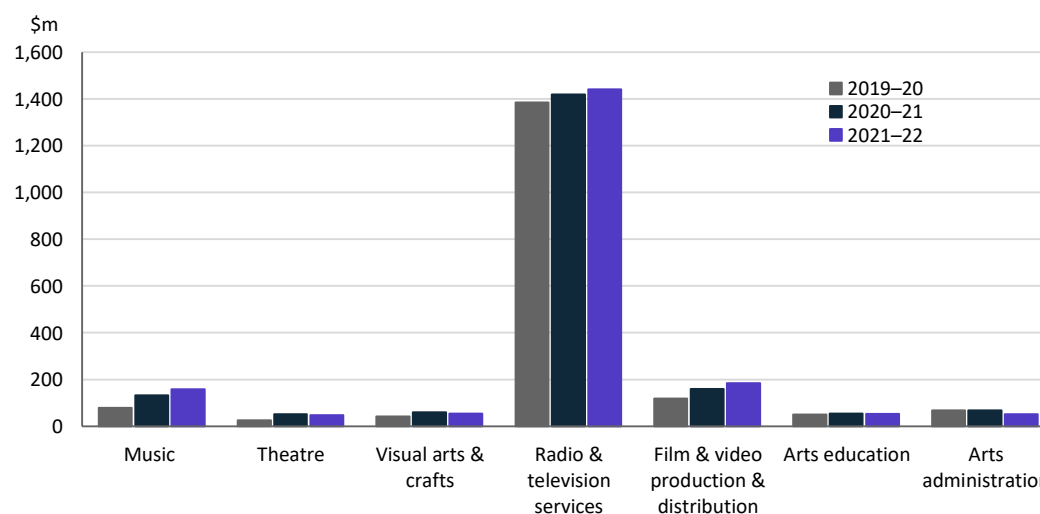
The main contributors to this increase were *Music* (↑\$26.0m), *Film and video production and distribution* (↑\$25.4m), *Radio and television services* (↑\$22.0m) and *Performing arts venues* (↑\$14.1m).

Funding for *Radio and television services* (\$1,440.1m) accounted for two-thirds (or 64%) of all expenditure by the Australian Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* funding were:

- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$185.2m
- *Music*—\$158.4m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$54.5m
- *Arts education*—\$52.7m
- *Arts administration*—\$51.7m
- *Theatre*—\$47.2m.

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



## Recurrent expenditure

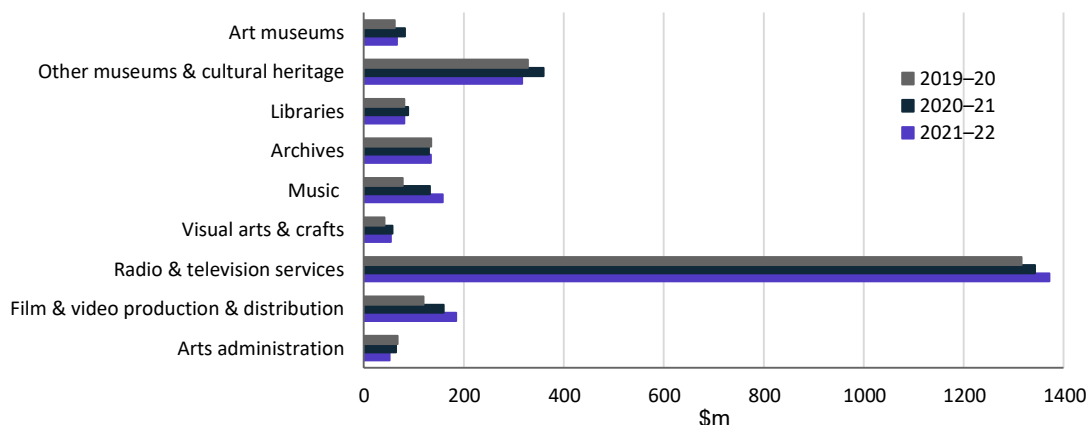
Total recurrent expenditure increased by 1% (or \$23.3m) to \$2,732.8m and accounted for 86% of total funded cultural expenditure.

The highest recurrent expenditure was for *Radio and television services* (\$1,371.9m), followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$316.6m).

Other main categories of recurrent expenditure were:

- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$185.2m
- *Music*—\$158.3m
- *Archives*—\$134.3m
- *Libraries*—\$81.1m
- *Art museums*—\$66.4m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$54.4m
- *Arts administration*—\$51.7m.

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



### Capital expenditure

Total capital expenditure increased by 68% (or \$174.9m) to \$432.4m in 2021-22 and accounted for 14% of Australian Government cultural spending.

The highest capital expenditure was for *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$212.3m), followed by *Art museums* (\$75.3m).

Other main categories of capital investment were:

- *Radio and television services* —\$68.2m
- *Libraries*—\$24.8m
- *Archives*—\$16.2m.

Figure 4. Australian Government capital cultural expenditure, by selected categories

