

# Cultural Funding by Government—2021–22

## Western Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Western Australian Government in 2021–22 for cultural activities was **\$350.1m**, representing an increase of 19% or \$55.2m from 2020–21. This amount includes **\$16.8m** of targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives. The COVID funding includes **\$16.2m** that could not be reported by individual category and is included in the totals only.

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

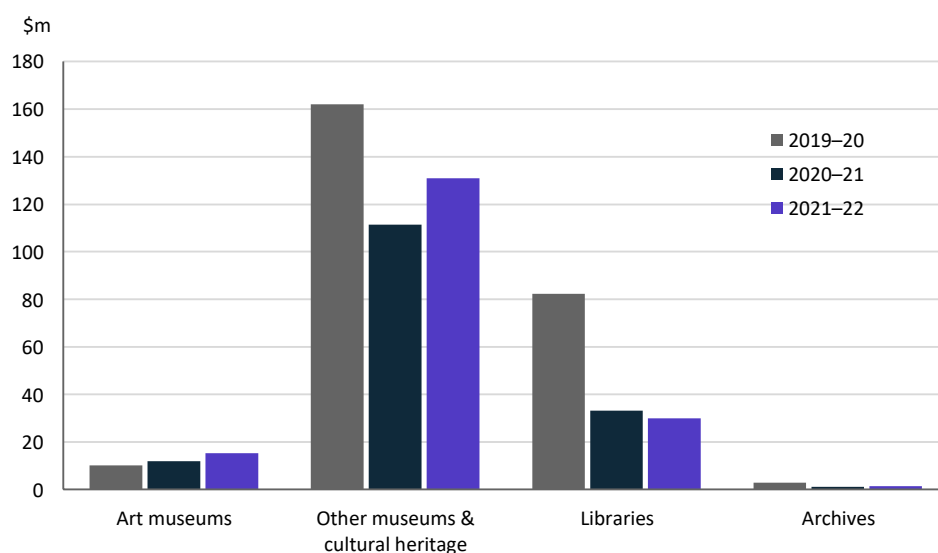
| 2019–20  | 2020–21 <sup>1</sup> | 2021–22 <sup>2</sup> |
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| \$375.6m | \$294.9m ↓21%        | \$350.1m ↑19%        |

- Recurrent expenses accounted for 78% (\$274.8m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$75.2m, and the largest category was *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$48.9m).
- The estimate of per person funding was \$126.67.

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) increased by 13% (or \$20.0m) to \$177.6m.

Over two-thirds (74%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$131.0m) and 17% spent on *Libraries* (\$29.9m).

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



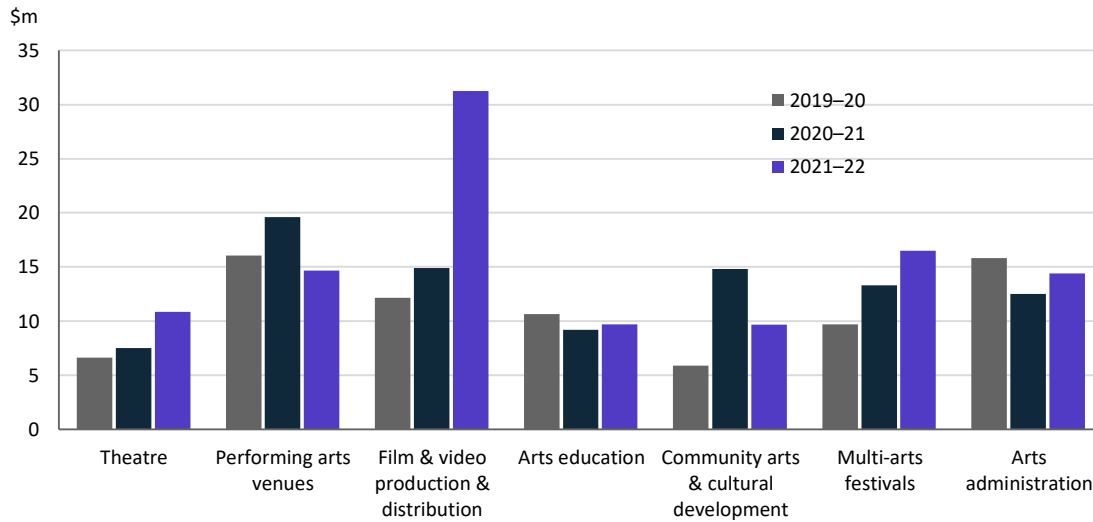
<sup>1</sup> Includes \$12.1m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

<sup>2</sup> Includes \$16.8m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. \$16.2m is included in the totals only.

Funds for Total Arts activities (recurrent and capital) increased 14% (or \$18.9m) to \$156.2m.

The main contributors to this increase were *Film and video production and distribution* ↑\$16.4m, *Design* ↑\$5.7m, and *Dance* ↑\$5.5m. Funding for *Cross-art form* decreased by \$7.1m.

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



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$31.3m
- *Multi-arts festivals* —\$16.5m
- *Performing arts venues*—\$14.6m
- *Theatre*—\$10.8m.

Total recurrent expenditure increased 13% (or \$32.0m) to \$274.8m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$82.1m) followed by *Libraries* (\$29.4m) and *Film and video production and distribution* (\$27.1m).

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

