



Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

Australian Government

In 2017–18 the estimate of expenditure on cultural activities, funded by the Australian Government, was **\$2,674.9m** representing a rise of 12% or \$291.1m from 2016–17.

Table 1—Australian Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$2,306.1m	\$2,383.8m ↑ 3%	\$2,674.9m ↑ 12%

- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$107.96.

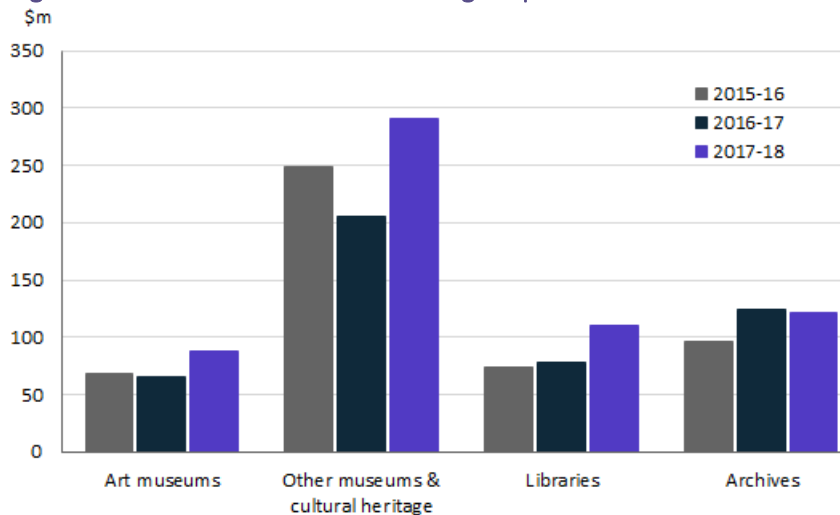
Heritage

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 29% (or \$137.7m) to \$611.3m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$84.5m), *Libraries* (↑\$32.9m) and *Art museums* (↑\$22.4m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$290.3m followed by *Archives* with \$122.1m.

Figure 1. Australian Government heritage expenditure



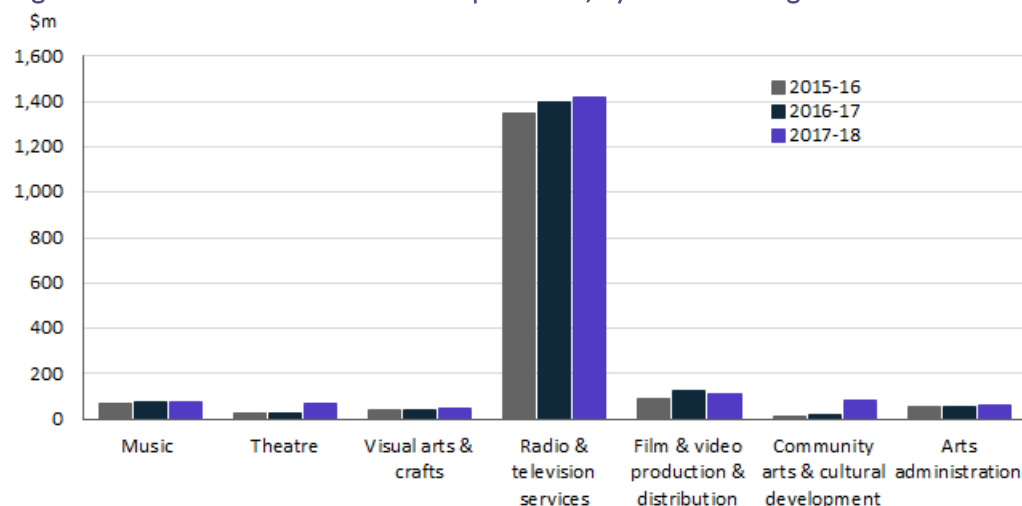
Arts

The majority (77%) of funding by the Australian Government for cultural activities was allocated to *Arts* activities.

Funds for *Arts* activities rose 8% (or \$153.4m) to \$2,063.6m.

The main contributors to this movement were *Community arts and cultural development* ↑\$60.6m, *Theatre* ↑\$41.4m and *Performing art venues* ↑\$27.4m. Conversely, funding for *Film and video production and distribution* dropped \$15.8m.

Figure 2. Australian Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Funding for *Radio and television services* (\$1,418.5m), accounted for over two-thirds (or 69%) of all expenditure by the Australian Government on Arts activities.

Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$110.9m
- *Community arts and cultural development*—\$80.0m
- *Music*—\$74.8m
- *Theatre*—\$70.3m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$50.3m.

Recurrent expenditure

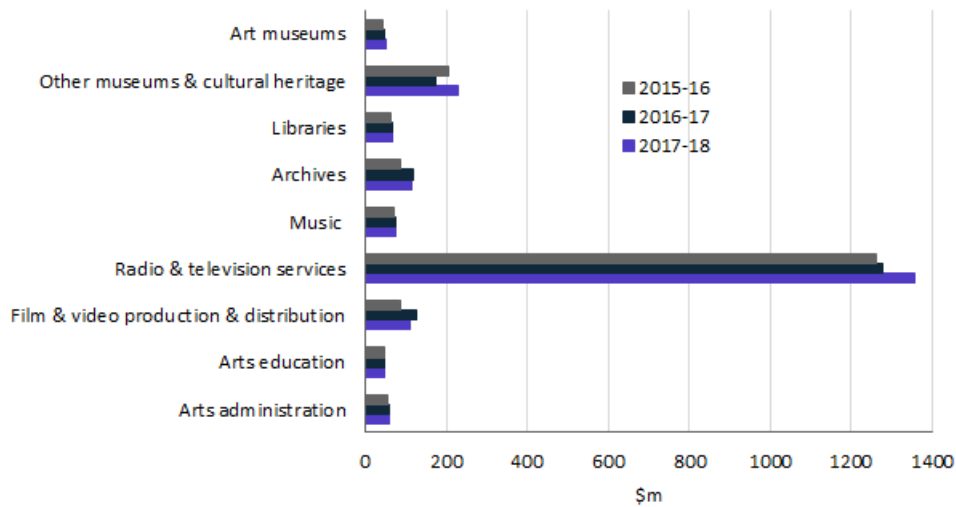
Recurrent expenditure rose 6% (or \$122.5m) to \$2,307.6m and accounted for 86% of funded cultural expenditure.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Radio and television services*, \$1,356.7m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$228.4m).

Other main categories of recurrent expenditure were:

- *Archives*—\$114.6m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$110.9m
- *Music*—\$74.3m
- *Libraries*—\$68.6m.

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



Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure rose 85% (or \$168.6m) to \$367.2m in 2017-18 and accounted for 14% of Australian Government cultural spending.

The largest capital expenditure was for *Community arts and cultural development* (\$63.9m), followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$61.9m) and *Radio and television services* (\$61.8m).

Other main categories of capital expenditure were:

- *Theatre*—\$45.6m
- *Libraries*—\$42.2m
- *Art museums*—\$37.2m.

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

