

# Cultural Funding by Government—2020–21

## New South Wales Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the New South Wales Government in 2020–21 for cultural activities was **\$906.4m**. This represented an increase of 13% or \$107.0m from 2019–20. This amount includes **\$80.0m** of targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives.

Table 1. New South Wales Government cultural expenditure, 2017–18 to 2020–21<sup>1</sup>

2017–18	2019–20	2020–21 <sup>2</sup>
\$627.0m	\$799.4m ↑27%	\$906.4m ↑13%

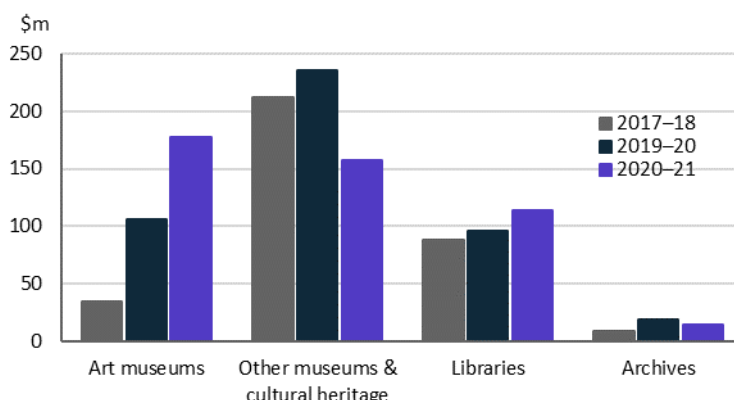
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 66% (\$602.7m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$303.7m, and the largest two categories were *Art museums* (\$120.7m) and *Performing arts venues* (\$113.0m).
- The estimate of per person funding was \$110.97.

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) rose 2% (or \$6.9m) to \$462.5m.

This rise was driven by increased expenditure on the categories of *Art museums* (↑\$71.7m) and *Libraries* (↑\$18.0m). Funds for *Other museums and cultural heritage* dropped \$78.8m, due to completion of capital works.

Over one-third (38%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Art museums* (\$177.0m), the majority (68% or \$120.7m) being capital expenditure. Also, 34% of funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$157.4m).

Figure 1. New South Wales Government heritage expenditure



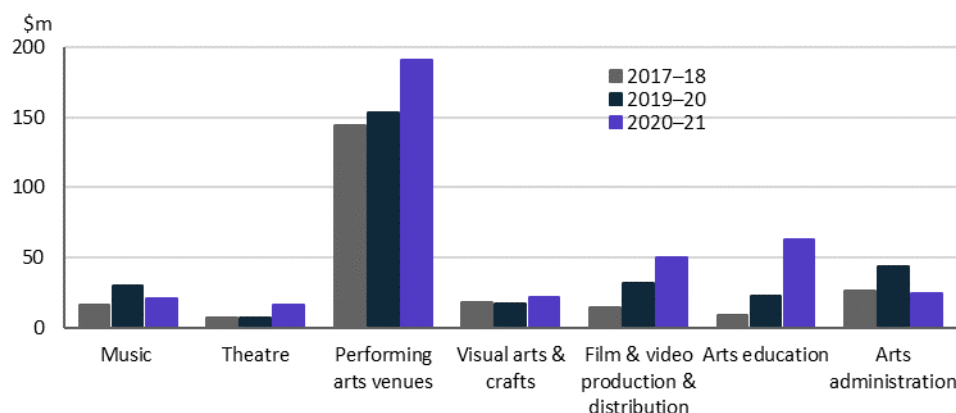
Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) rose 29% (or \$100.0m) to \$443.9m.

<sup>1</sup> *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted for 2018–19.

<sup>2</sup> Includes \$80.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

The main contributors to this increase were *Arts education* ↑\$39.4m, *Performing arts venues* ↑\$37.3m, *Film and video production and distribution* ↑\$17.9m, and *Theatre* ↑\$9.3m. Expenditure on the activity of *Music* dropped \$9.3m.

Figure 2. New South Wales Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Over one-third (43%) of all funded expenditure by the New South Wales Government on Arts activities was spent on *Performing arts venues* (\$190.8m), the majority (59% or \$113.0m) being capital expenditure.

Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

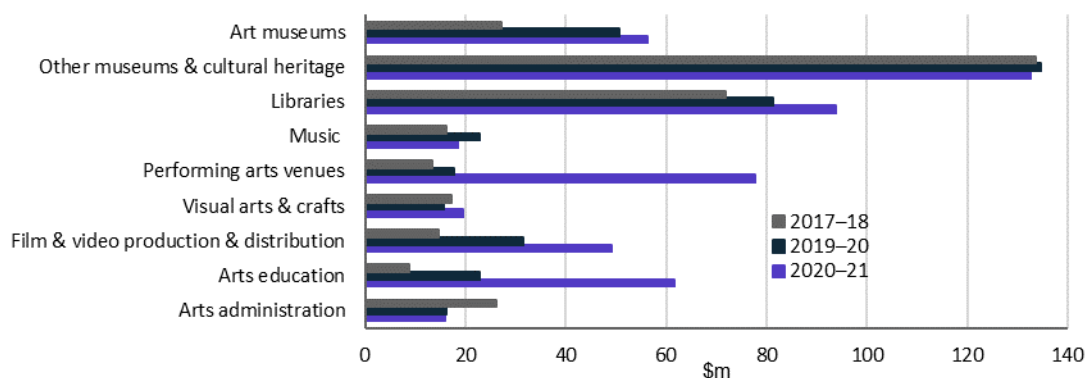
- *Arts education*—\$62.3m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$49.5m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$21.5m
- *Music*—\$20.5m.

Total recurrent expenditure increased 35% (or \$155.1m) to \$602.7m.

Table 2. New South Wales Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2017-18 to 2020-21

2017-18	2019-20	2020-21 <sup>3</sup>
\$384.6m	\$447.6m ↑16%	\$602.7m ↑35%

Figure 3. New South Wales Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories



<sup>3</sup> Includes \$80.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.