

# Cultural Funding by Government—2020–21

## Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2020–21 for cultural activities was **$506.7m**. This represented an increase of 13% or $56.5m from 2019–20. This amount includes **$43.0m** of targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives.

Table 1. Queensland Government cultural expenditure, 2017–18 to 2020–21[[1]](#footnote-1)

| 2017–18 | 2019–20[[2]](#footnote-2) | 2020–21[[3]](#footnote-3) |
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| $415.8m | $450.2m ↑8% | $506.7m ↑13% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 80% ($404.8m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $101.9m, and the largest two categories were *Performing arts venues* ($68.5m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($14.4m).
* The estimate of per person cultural funding was $97.57.

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) fell 5% (or $13.0m) to $240.1m.

This decrease was driven by less expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↓$5.6m) and *Art museums* (↓$5.5m), due to the completion of capital works.

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* $86.2m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with $74.9m.

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A column graph compares expenditure across the heritage categories of Art museums, Other museums and cultural heritage, Libraries and Archives between the financial years of 2017-18, 2019-20, and 2020-21 for Queensland Government.
2017-18: Art museums $59.7m, Other museums & cultural heritage $75.7m, Libraries $90.8m, Archives $15.1m.
2019-20: Art museums $65.6m, Other museums & cultural heritage $80.5m, Libraries $88.5m, Archives $18.6m.
2020-21: Art museums $60.1m, Other museums & cultural heritage $74.9m, Libraries $86.2m, Archives $19.0m.

Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) rose 35% (or $69.5m) to $266.6m.

The main contributors to this increase were *Performing arts venues* ↑$43.2m, *Cross-art form* ↑$12.9m (both due to capital investment) and *Music* ↑$5.5m. Funding for *Film and video production and distribution* dropped $7.0m.

Figure 2. Queensland Government arts expenditure, by selected categories

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A column graph compares expenditure across selected arts categories of Music, Performing arts venues, Cross-art form, Visual arts and crafts, Film and video production and distribution, Arts education and Arts administration between the financial years of 2017-18, 2019-20, and 2020-21 for Queensland Government.
2017-18: Music $11.9m, Performing arts venues $47.3m, Cross-arts form $3.1m, Visual arts & crafts $8.7m, Film & video production & distribution $19.4m, Arts education $35.2m, Arts administration $9.4m.
2019-20: Music $8.5m, Performing arts venues $74.2m, Cross-arts form $3.4m, Visual arts & crafts $6.2m, Film & video production & distribution $19.3m, Arts education $41.5m, Arts administration $8.5m.
2020-21: Music $14.0m, Performing arts venues $117.4m, Cross-arts form $16.3m, Visual arts & crafts $10.2m, Film & video production & distribution $12.3m, Arts education $43.7m, Arts administration $9.5m.

*Performing arts venues* ($117.4m) accounted for over one-third (or 44%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Arts education*—$43.7m
* *Cross-art form*—$16.3m
* *Music*—$14.0m
* *Film and video production and distribution*—$12.3m
* *Visual arts and crafts*—$10.2m.

Total recurrent expenditure rose 8% (or $30.9m) to $404.8m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries* $82.8m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($60.5m) and *Art museums* ($56.4m).

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

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A bar chart compares recurrent expenditure across selected categories of Art museums, Other museums and cultural heritage, Libraries, Archives, Music, Performing arts venues, Film and video production and distribution, Arts education, and Arts administration between the financial years of 2017-18, 2019-20, and 2020-21 for Queensland Government.
2017-18: Art museums $55.3m, Other museums & cultural heritage $57.0m, Libraries $84.8m, Archives $15.0m, Music $11.8m, Performing arts venues $32.9m, Film & video production & distribution $19.4m, Arts education $35.2m, Arts administration $9.2m. 
2019-20: Art museums $56.5m, Other museums & cultural heritage $53.6m, Libraries $79.5m, Archives $18.2m, Music $8.5m, Performing arts venues $43.2m, Film & video production & distribution $19.3m, Arts education $41.5m, Arts administration $8.5m. 
2020-21: Art museums $56.4m, Other museums & cultural heritage $60.5m, Libraries $82.8m, Archives $19.0m, Music $14.0m, Performing arts venues $48.9m, Film & video production & distribution $12.3m, Arts education $43.7m, Arts administration $9.5m. 

* The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Other museums and cultural heritage* ↑$6.9m between 2019–20 and 2020–21.

1. *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted for 2018–19. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In 2019–20, the Queensland Government reallocated and brought forward $12.5m in funding to support the cultural and creative sector in direct response to the impact of COVID, with this expenditure reported across categories. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $43.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)