

# 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.

Figure 1. Queensland Government heritage expenditure



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



*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



* 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)