

# Cultural Funding by Government—2021–22

## Australian Capital Territory Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government in 2021–22 for cultural activities was **$82.1m**, representing an increase of 10% or $7.7m from 2020–21. This amount includes **$3.5m** of targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives.

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

| 2019–20[[1]](#footnote-1) | 2020–21[[2]](#footnote-2) | 2021–22[[3]](#footnote-3) |
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| $89.4m  | $74.4m ↓17% | $82.1m ↑10% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 90% ($74.3m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $7.7m, and the largest two categories were *Libraries* ($2.2m) and *Other arts* ($1.9m).
* The estimate of per person funding was $181.04.

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) rose by 21% (or $7.3m) to $42.6m.

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Other museums and cultural heritage* with $20.4m, *Libraries*[[4]](#footnote-4) with $17.0m, followed by *Art museums* with $4.9m.

Figure 1. ACT Government heritage expenditure (recurrent and capital)

Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) increased by 4% (or $1.7m) to $39.5m.

Funding increases were reported for *Other arts* (↑$1.4m) and *Film and video production and distribution* (↑$1.3m).

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

*Performing arts venues* ($17.4m) accounted for nearly half (44%) of total expenditure on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Visual arts and crafts*—$3.4m
* *Arts education*—$2.8m
* *Film and video production and distribution*—$2.4m
* *Community arts and cultural development*—$2.1m

Total recurrent expenditure increased by 13% (or $8.8m) to $74.3m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was *Other museums and cultural heritage,* $19.9m, followed by *Performing arts venues* ($16.0m) and *Libraries* ($14.8m).

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

1. Includes $3.1m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported in Total figures only. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes $7.5m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $3.5m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Australian Capital Territory does not have a tier of local government with libraries funded by the ACT Government. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)