

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

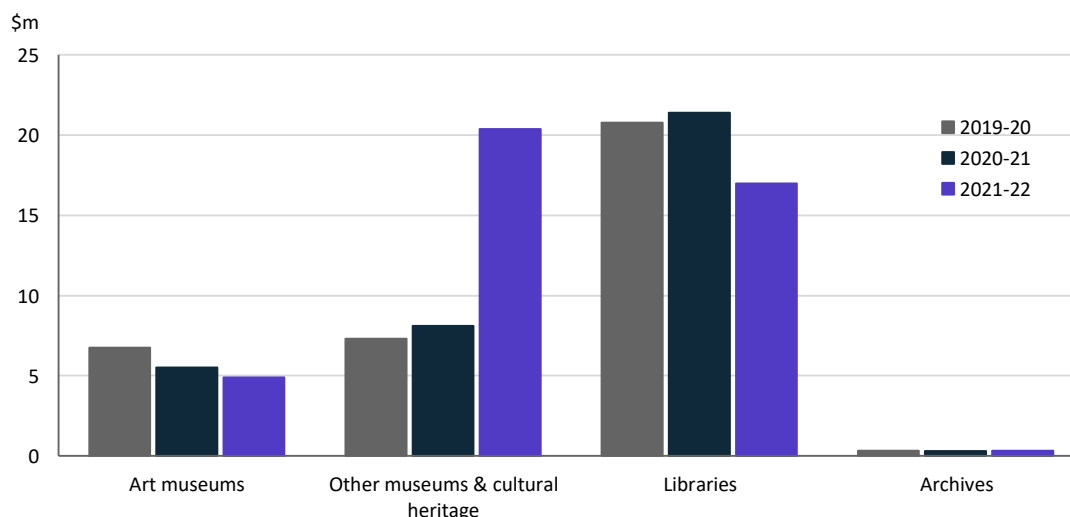
2019–20 ¹	2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³
\$89.4m	\$74.4m ↓17%	\$82.1m ↑10%

- 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 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.

¹ Includes \$3.1m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported in Total figures only.

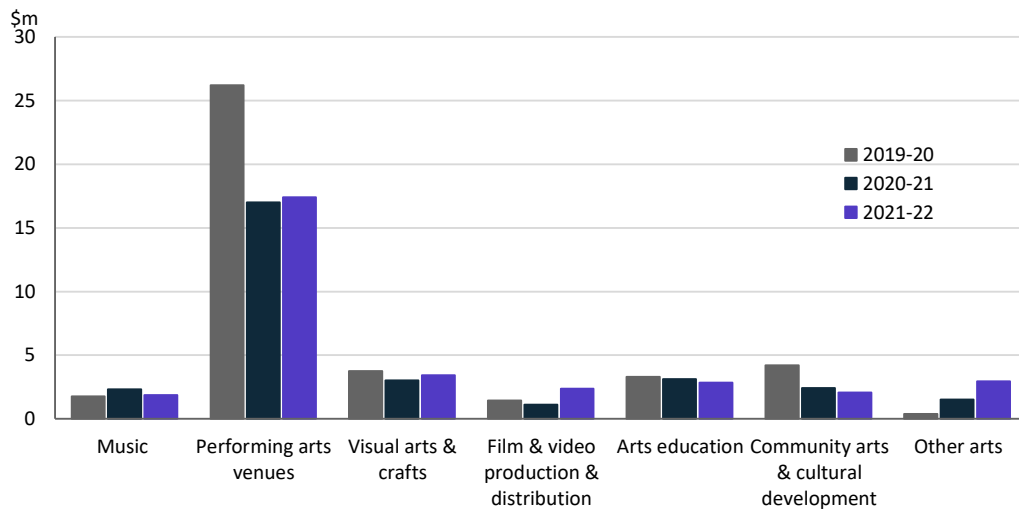
² Includes \$7.5m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

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⁴ Australian Capital Territory does not have a tier of local government with libraries funded by the ACT Government.

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

