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# Cultural Funding by Government—2021–22

## Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2021–22 for cultural activities was **$518.1m**. This represented an increase of 2% or $11.4m from 2020–21. This amount includes **$28.4m** of targeted COVID support funding for cultural and creative organisations and infrastructure, businesses, individuals, support programs and initiatives.

Table 1. Queensland 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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| $450.2m | $506.7m ↑13% | $518.1m ↑2% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 78% ($402.3m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $115.8m, and the largest two categories were *Performing arts venues* ($85.9m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($22.3m).
* The estimate of per person cultural funding was $98.36.

Funds for Total *Heritage* activities (recurrent and capital) fell 1% (or $1.8m) to $238.3m.

This decrease was driven by less expenditure on the categories of *Art museums* (↓$2.6m), *Libraries* (↓$2.1m) and *Archives* (↓$1.3m)

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* $84.1m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with $79.1m.

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

Funds for Total *Arts* activities (recurrent and capital) rose 5% (or $13.2m) to $279.8m.

The main contributors to this increase were *Music* ↑$5.6m*, Design* ↑$4.3m, *Arts education* ↑$4.1m and *Performing arts venues* ↑$3.3m. Funding for *Cross-art form* dropped $12.9m.

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

*Performing arts venues* ($120.7m) accounted for over one-third (or 43%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Arts education*—$47.8m
* *Music*—$19.6m
* *Visual arts and crafts*—$13.0m
* *Film and video production and distribution*—$11.2m.

Total recurrent expenditure decreased by 1% (or $2.5m) to $402.3m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries* $82.0m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* ($56.7m) and *Art museums* ($55.1m).

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

* The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Music* ↑$5.6m between 2020–21 and 2021–22.

1. 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-1)
2. Includes $43.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Includes $28.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)