

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	2020–21 ²	2021–22 ³
\$450.2m	\$506.7m ↑13%	\$518.1m ↑2%

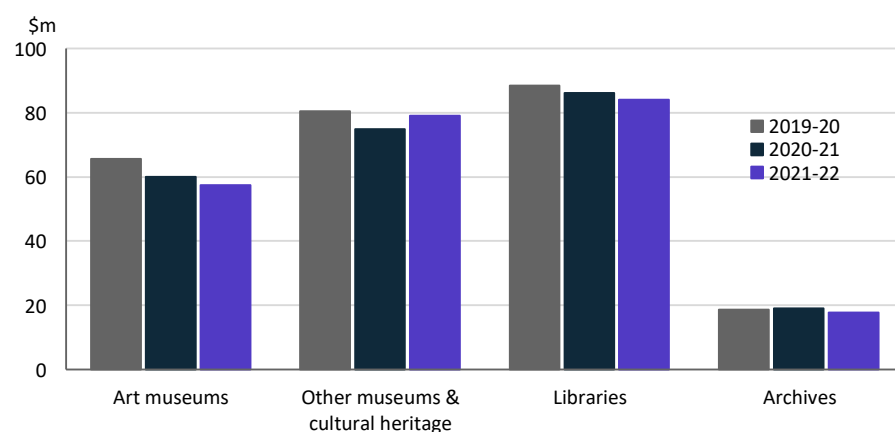
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 78% (\$402.3m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$115.8m, and the largest two categories were *Performing arts venues* (\$85.9m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$22.3m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$98.36.

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.

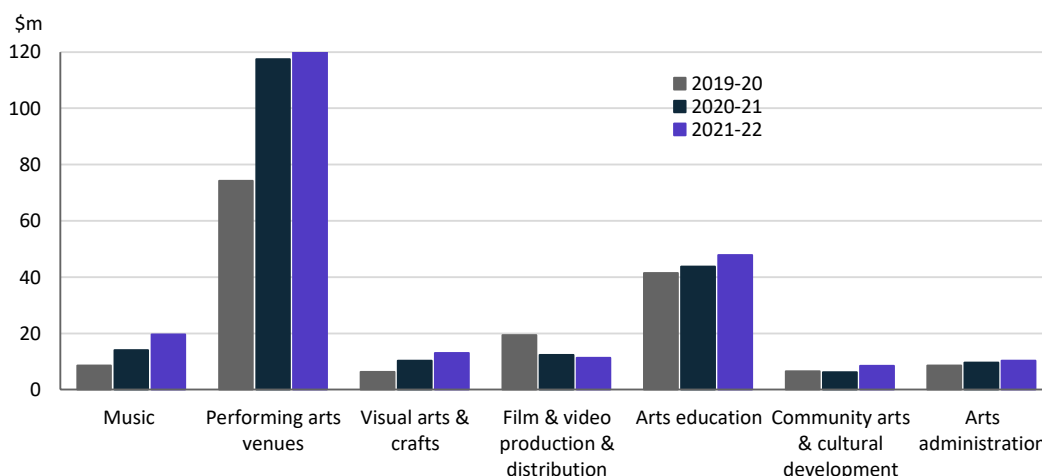
¹ In 2019–20, the Queensland Government reallocated and brought forward \$12.5m in funding to support the cultural and creative sector in direct response to the impact of COVID, with this expenditure reported across categories.

² Includes \$43.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

³ Includes \$28.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

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.

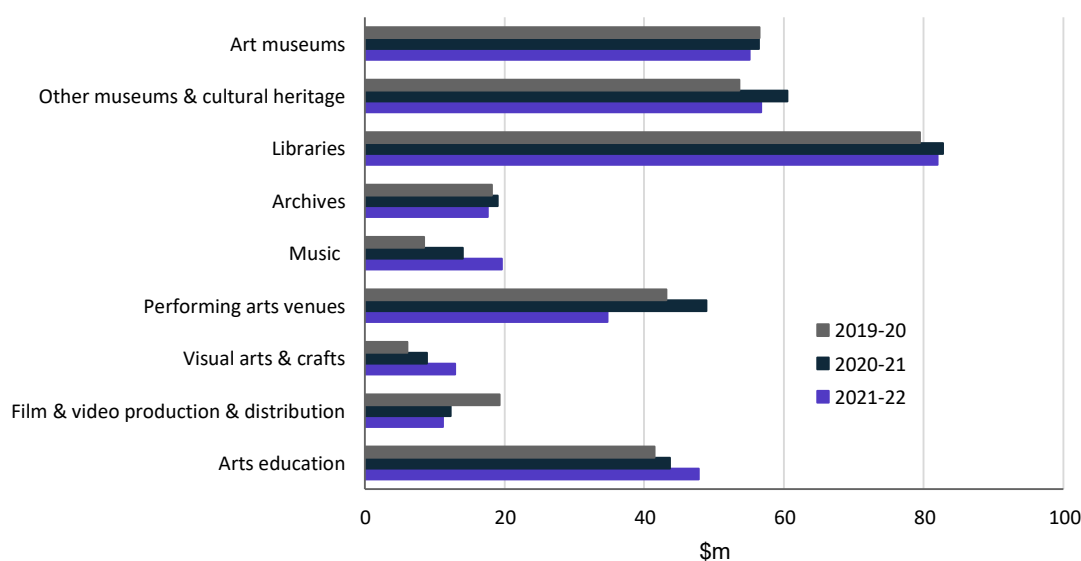
Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

- *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.