



# Cultural Funding by Government—2019–20

## New South Wales Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the New South Wales Government in 2019–20 for cultural activities was **\$799.4m**. This represented an increase of 27% or \$172.4m from 2017–18<sup>1</sup>.

Table 1. New South Wales Government cultural expenditure, 2016–17 to 2019–20

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
\$478.7m	\$627.0m ↑31%	\$799.4m ↑27%

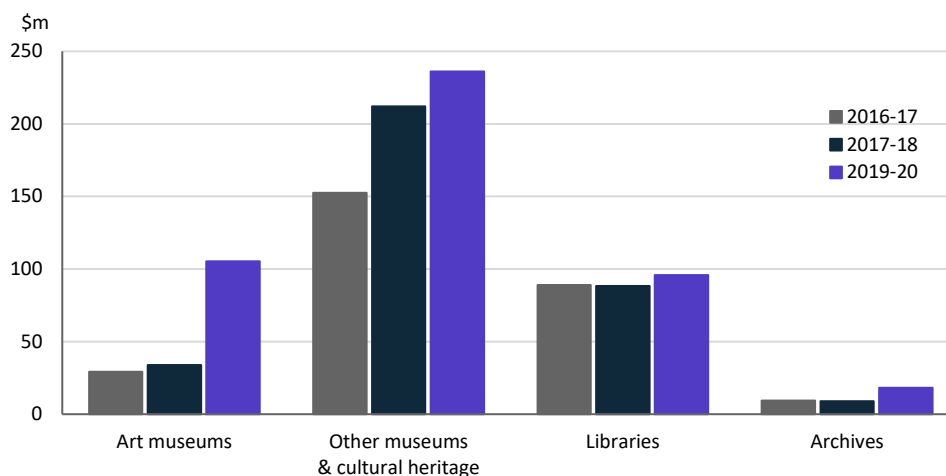
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 56% (\$447.6m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$351.8m, and the largest two categories were *Performing arts venues* (\$135.8m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$101.7m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$98.24.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 33% (or \$112.3m) to \$455.6m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Art museums* (↑\$71.5m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$24.1m).

Just over half (52%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$236.2m) with an additional 23% spent on *Art museums* (\$105.3m).

Figure 1. New South Wales Government heritage expenditure



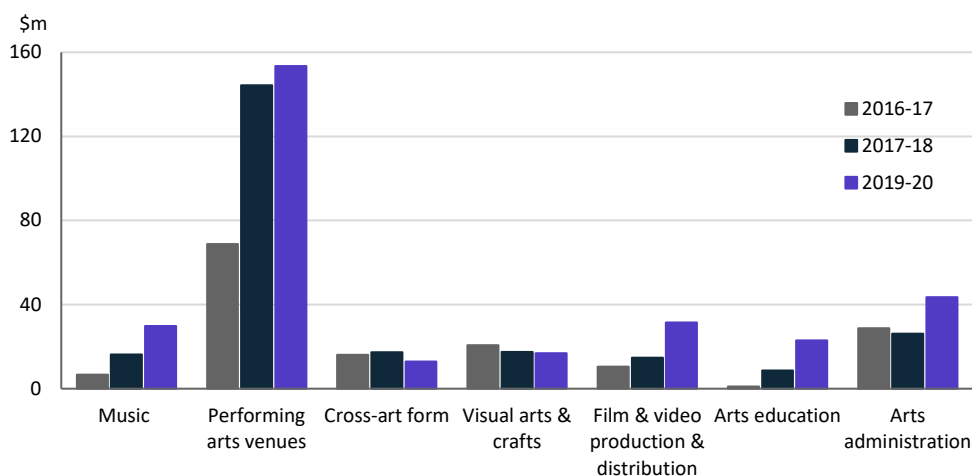
Funds for *Arts* activities rose 21% (or \$60.2m) to \$343.9m.

Three main contributors to this movement were *Film and video production and distribution* ↑\$16.9m, *Arts education* ↑\$14.2m and *Music* ↑\$13.5m.

<sup>1</sup> *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted in 2018–19, as it changed to a biennial collection.

Conversely, funding for *Cross-art form* (↓\$4.4m) and *Multi-arts festivals* (↓\$3.0m) dropped.

Figure 2. New South Wales Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Just under half (45%) of all funded expenditure by the New South Wales Government on *Arts* activities was spent on *Performing arts venues* (\$153.5m), the majority being capital expenditure (\$135.8m).

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$31.6m
- *Music*—\$29.8m
- *Arts education*—\$22.9m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$16.9m.

Recurrent expenditure increased 16% (or \$63.0m) to \$447.6m.

Table 2. New South Wales Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2016–17 to 2019–20

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
\$388.7m	\$384.6m ↓1%	\$447.6m ↑16%

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Other museums and cultural heritage*, \$134.5m, followed by *Libraries* (\$81.2m).

Figure 3. New South Wales Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories

