



Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

Northern Territory Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Northern Territory Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$74.2m**. This represented an increase of 24% or \$14.2m from 2016–17.

Table 1—Northern Territory Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$53.0m	\$60.0m ↑ 13%	\$74.2m ↑ 24%

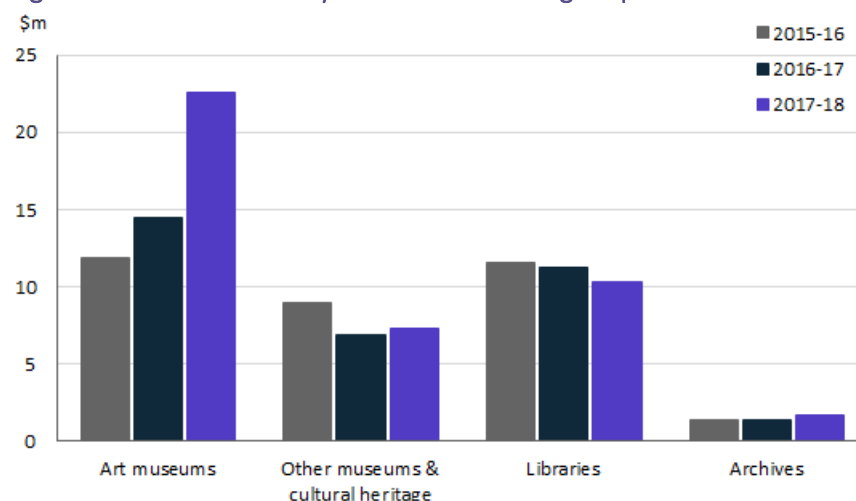
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 89% (\$65.7m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$8.5m, and the largest two categories were *Art museums* (\$6.8m) and *Performing art venues* (\$1.1m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$300.46.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 23% (or \$7.9m) to \$41.9m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on *Art Museums* (↑\$8.1m) but offset by a fall in *Libraries* (↓\$0.9m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Art Museums* with \$22.6m followed by *Libraries* with \$10.3m. Expenditure on *Art Museums* was over half (54%) the *Heritage* expenditure by the Northern Territory Government.

Figure 1. Northern Territory Government heritage expenditure

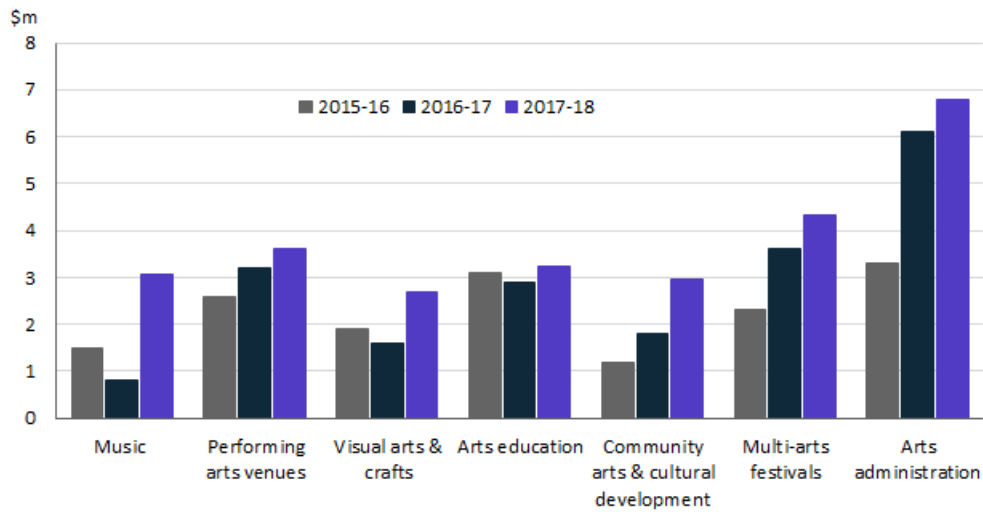


Funds for *Arts* activities rose 24% (or \$6.3m) to \$32.3m.

Increased expenditure was reported across several categories between 2016–17 and 2017–18. Two main contributors to this movement were *Music* ↑\$2.3m, and *Community arts and cultural development* ↑\$1.2m.

The category with the largest fall was *Cross-art form* ↓\$1.8m.

Figure 2. Northern Territory Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$4.3m
- *Performing arts venues*—\$3.6m
- *Arts education*—\$3.2m
- *Music*—\$3.1m
- *Community arts and cultural development*—\$3.0m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 15% (or \$8.5m) to \$65.7m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Art Museums*, \$15.7m, and the largest dollar increase was also for the category of *Art Museums* ↑\$3.5m between 2016–17 and 2017–18.

Figure 3. Northern Territory Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories

