



Cultural Funding by Government—2019–20

Northern Territory Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Northern Territory Government in 2019–20 for cultural activities was **\$76.0m**. This represented an increase of 2% or \$1.8m from 2017–18¹.

Table. 1 Northern Territory Government cultural expenditure, 2016–17 to 2019–20

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
\$60.0m	\$74.2m ↑24%	\$76.0m ↑2%

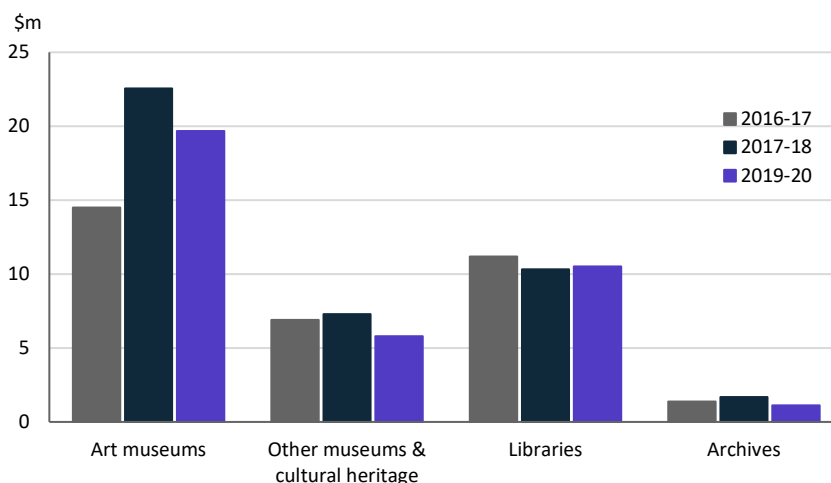
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 88% (\$67.0m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$9.0m, and the largest category was *Art museums* (\$7.2m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$309.80.

Funds on *Heritage* activities decreased 11% (or \$4.8m) to \$37.1m.

This decrease was driven by lower expenditure on *Art museums* (↓\$2.9m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↓\$1.5m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Art museums* with \$19.7m followed by *Libraries* with \$10.5m. Expenditure on *Art museums* was over half (53%) the *Heritage* expenditure by the Northern Territory Government.

Figure 1. Northern Territory Government heritage expenditure



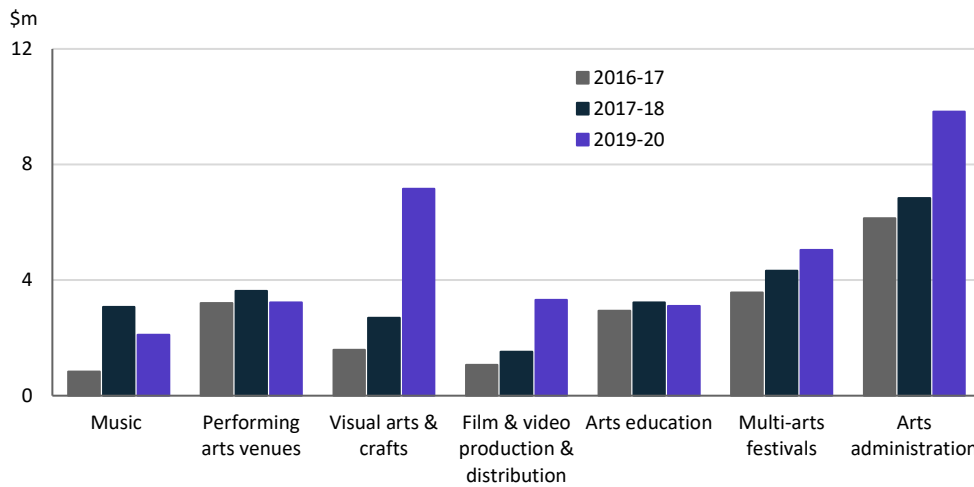
Funds for *Arts* activities rose 20% (or \$6.6m) to \$38.9m.

Two main contributors to this movement were *Visual arts and crafts* ↑\$4.5m, and *Film and video production and distribution* ↑\$1.8m.

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

The category with the largest fall was *Community arts and cultural development* ↓\$2.1m.

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



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$7.2m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$5.0m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$3.3m
- *Performing arts venues*—\$3.2m
- *Arts education*—\$3.1m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 2% (or \$1.3m) to \$67.0m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Art museums*, \$12.5m, and the largest dollar increase was for the category of *Visual arts and crafts* ↑\$4.4m between 2017–18 and 2019–20.

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

