



Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

South Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the South Australian Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$253.7m**. This represented an increase of 27% or \$53.2m from 2016–17.

Table — South Australian Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$184.2m	\$200.5m ↑ 9%	\$253.7m ↑ 27%

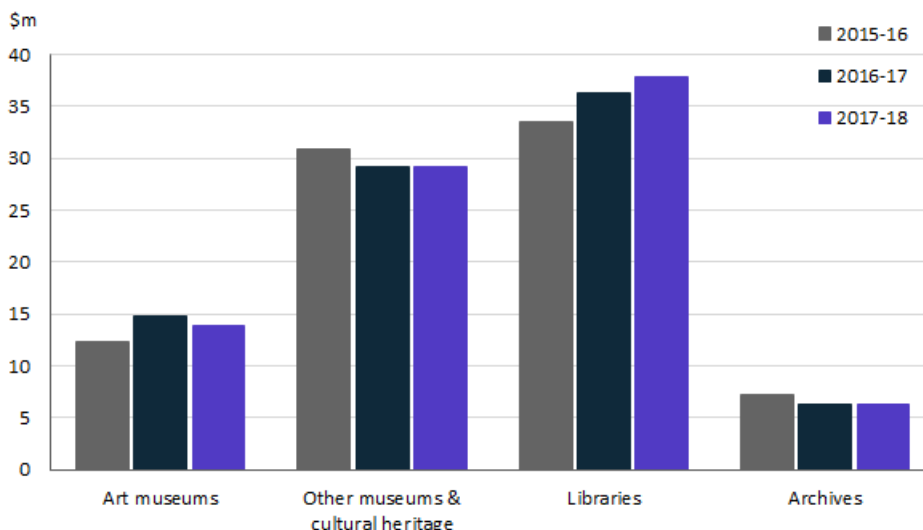
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 81% (\$204.3m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$49.4m, and the largest two categories were *Performing art venues* (\$43.4m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$2.2m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$146.78.

Funding for *Heritage* activities remained steady at \$87.0m compared with \$86.6m in 2016–17.

Expenditure on *Libraries* rose by \$1.4m, offset by a fall in *Art museums* (↓\$1.0m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* with \$37.7m followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$29.2m.

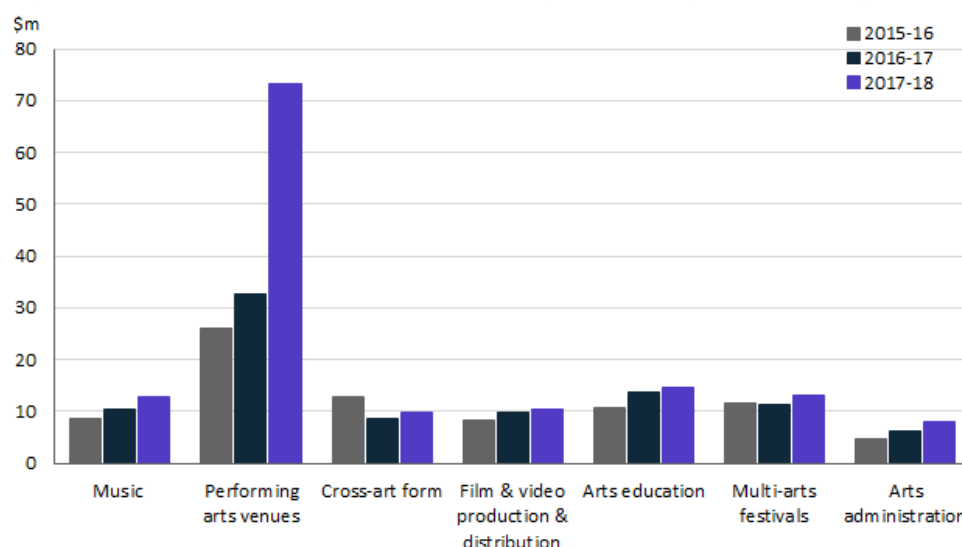
Figure 1. South Australian Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities rose 46% (or \$52.8m) to \$166.7m.

The main contributor to this increase was *Performing art venues* ↑\$40.6m, due primarily to capital investment. Increases were also reported for *Music* ↑\$2.4m and *Multi-arts festivals* ↑\$1.9m.

Figure 2. South Australian Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Performing arts venues (\$73.3m), accounted for over one-third (or 44%) of all funded expenditure by the South Australian Government on Arts activities.

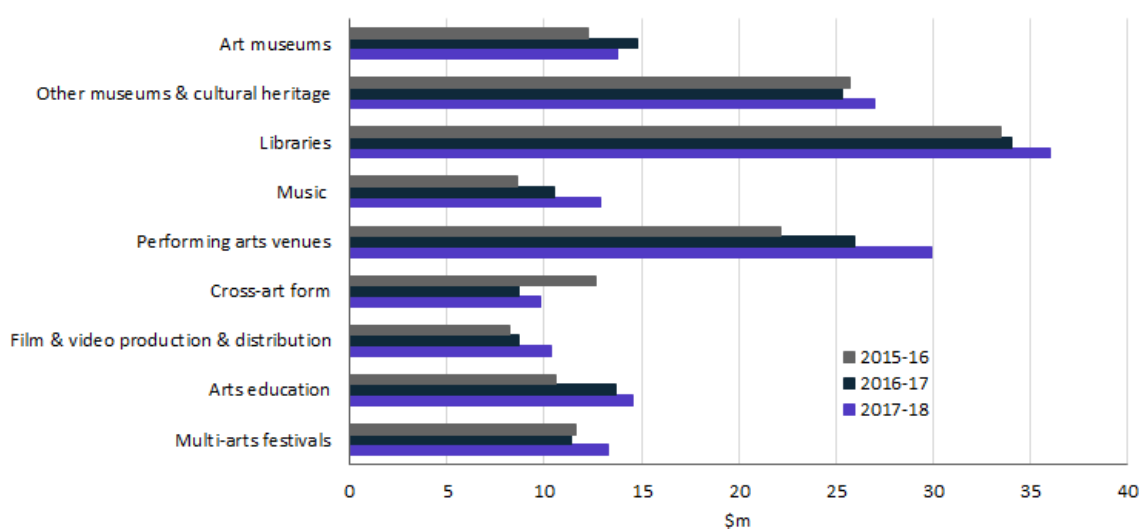
Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Arts education*—\$14.5m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$13.3m
- *Music*—\$12.9m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$10.4m
- *Cross-art form*—\$9.8m.

Recurrent expenditure rose 11% (or \$19.6m) to \$204.3m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, \$36.0m, followed by *Performing arts venues* (\$29.9m).

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



- The largest recurrent dollar increase was for the category of *Performing arts venues*, ↑\$3.9m between 2016–17 and 2017–18.