

# Cultural Funding by Government—2019–20

## South Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the South Australian Government in 2019–20 for cultural activities was **$239.3m** representing a decrease of 6% or $14.4m from 2017–18[[1]](#footnote-1). This amount included **$7.6m** of COVID support funding for eligible organisations, businesses, and individuals in creative and cultural industries.[[2]](#footnote-2)

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

| 2016–17 | 2017–18 | 2019–20 |
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| $200.5m  | $253.7m ↑27% | $239.3m ↓6% |

* Recurrent expenses accounted for 86% ($206.4m) of funded cultural expenditure.
* Capital expenditure was $32.9m, and the largest contributing category was *Performing arts venues* ($28.8m).
* The estimate of per person funding with COVID support was $135.86, and without was $131.56.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 5% (or $4.6m) to $91.6m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑$6.1m), offset by a fall in *Libraries* (↓$1.2m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* with $36.5m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with $35.3m.

Figure 1. South Australian Government heritage expenditure

Funds for *Arts* activities decreased 16% (or $26.5m) to $140.2m. The main contributors to this decrease were *Performing arts venues* ↓$17.9m (due to completion of capital works), *Visual arts and crafts* ↓$3.0m and *Music* ↓$2.6m*.*

Conversely, increases were reported for *Community arts and cultural development* ↑$6.5m and *Arts education* ↑$1.6m.

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

*Performing arts venues* ($55.4m), accounted for over one-third (or 39%) of all funded expenditure by the South Australian Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

* *Arts education*—$16.1m
* *Multi-arts festivals*—$12.0m
* *Music*—$10.3m
* *Film and video production and distribution*—$8.6m.

Total recurrent expenditure had a small increase of 1% (or $2.1m) to $206.4m (including $7.6m for COVID support funding).[[3]](#footnote-3)

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, $36.5m, and the largest recurrent dollar increase were for the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage*, ↑$7.5m and *Community arts and cultural development* ↑$5.7m, between 2017–18 and 2019–20.

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

1. *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted in 2018–19, as it changed to a biennial collection. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. COVID support funding included in Total recurrent and Total figures only. COVID funding not reported by category. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. COVID support funding included in Total recurrent and Total figures only. COVID funding not reported by category. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)