



# Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

## Victorian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Victorian Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$547.1m**. This represented an increase of 11% or \$54.5m from 2016–17.

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

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$477.5m	\$492.6m ↑ 3%	\$547.1m ↑ 11%

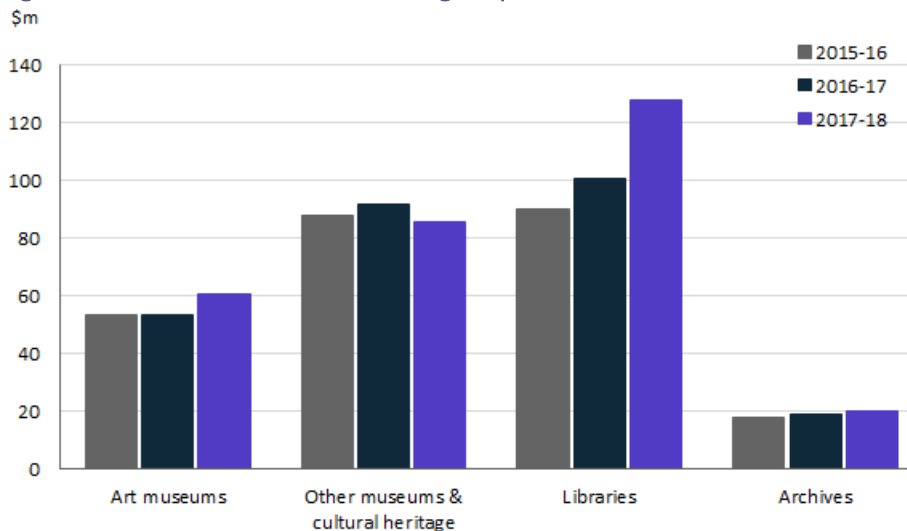
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 82% (\$447.6m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$99.5m, and the largest three categories were *Libraries* (\$44.1m), *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$22.4m) and *Performing art venues* (\$18.4m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$85.67.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 11% (or \$29.6m) to \$294.0m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Libraries* (↑\$27.2m) and *Art Museums* (↑\$7.3m). Increases were offset by a fall in *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↓\$6m).

Over one-third (44%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Libraries* (\$128.0m).

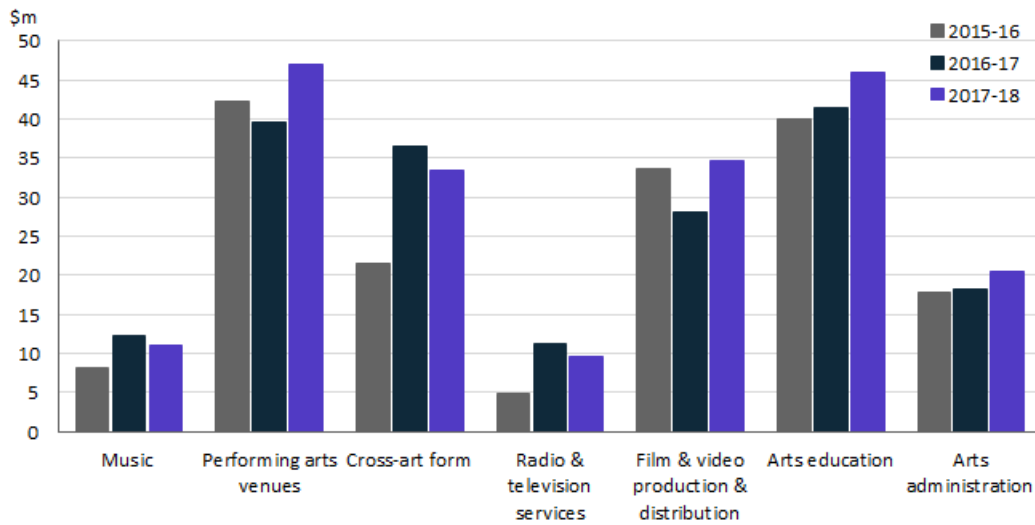
Figure 1. Victorian Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities rose 11% (or \$24.9m) to \$253.1m.

Three main contributors to this movement were *Performing arts venues* ↑\$7.4m, *Film and video production and distribution* ↑\$6.6m, and *Design* ↑\$5.1m. Conversely, funding for *Cross-art form* dropped by \$3.0m due to a reduction in capital expenditure.

Figure 2. Victorian Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Performing arts venues*—\$47.0m
- *Arts education*—\$45.9m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$34.6m
- *Cross-art form*—\$33.5m
- *Music*—\$10.9m.

Recurrent expenditure increased 4% (or \$16.4m) to \$447.6m.

Table 2 — Victorian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$432.1m	\$431.2m ↓ 0.2%	\$447.6m ↑4 %

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, \$83.9m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$63.3m).

Figure 3. Victorian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories

