



Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

Western Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Western Australian Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$296.8m**. This represented an increase of 1% or \$3.0m from 2016–17.

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

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$252.6m	\$293.8m ↑ 16%	\$296.8m ↑ 1%

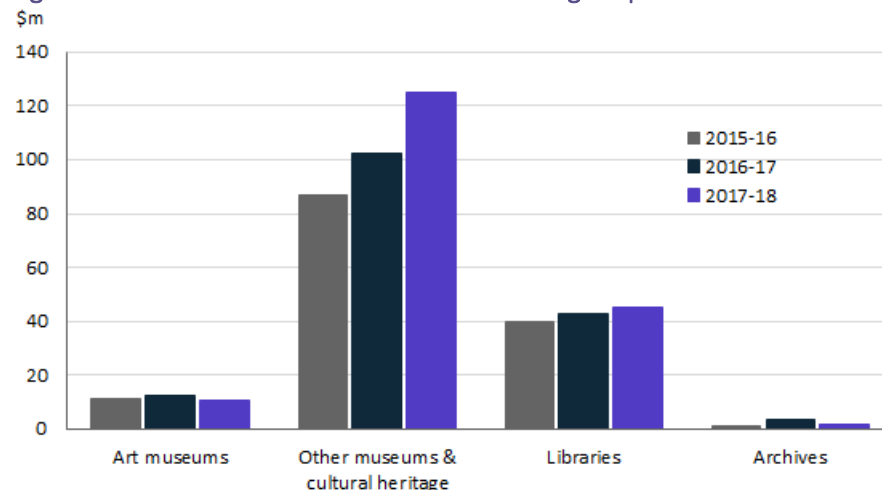
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 74% (\$218.3m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$78.5m, and the largest two categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$67.6m) and *Libraries* (\$8.9m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$114.91.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 13% (or \$20.7m) to \$181.9m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$22.4m) and *Libraries* (↑\$2.3m). Increases were offset by a fall in *Archives* (↓\$2.3m).

Over two-thirds (69%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$124.7m) with an additional 25% spent on *Libraries* (\$45.0m).

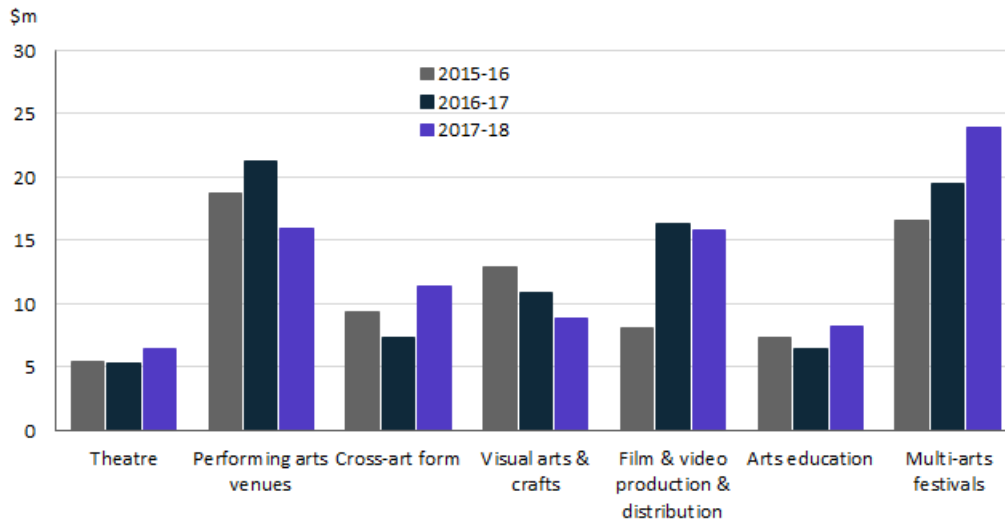
Figure 1. Western Australian Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities decreased 13% (or \$17.6m) to \$115.0m.

The main contributors to this movement were *Community arts and cultural development* ↓\$12.6m, *Arts administration* ↓\$7.4m and *Performing art venues* ↓\$5.2m. Conversely, funding for *Multi-arts festivals* and *Cross-art form* rose by \$4.4m and \$4.1m respectively.

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



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$23.9m
- *Performing art venues*—\$15.9m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$15.8m
- *Cross-art form*—\$11.4m
- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$8.9m.

Recurrent expenditure dropped 5% (or \$11.0m) to \$218.3m.

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

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$201.3m	\$229.3m ↑ 14%	\$218.3m ↓ 5%

- The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Other museums and cultural heritage*, \$57.1m followed by *Libraries* (\$36.0m).

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

