



Cultural Funding by Government—2019–20

Western Australian Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Western Australian Government in 2019–20 for cultural activities was **\$375.6m**, representing an increase of 27% or \$78.8m from 2017–18¹.

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

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
\$293.8m	\$296.8m ↑1%	\$375.6m ↑27%

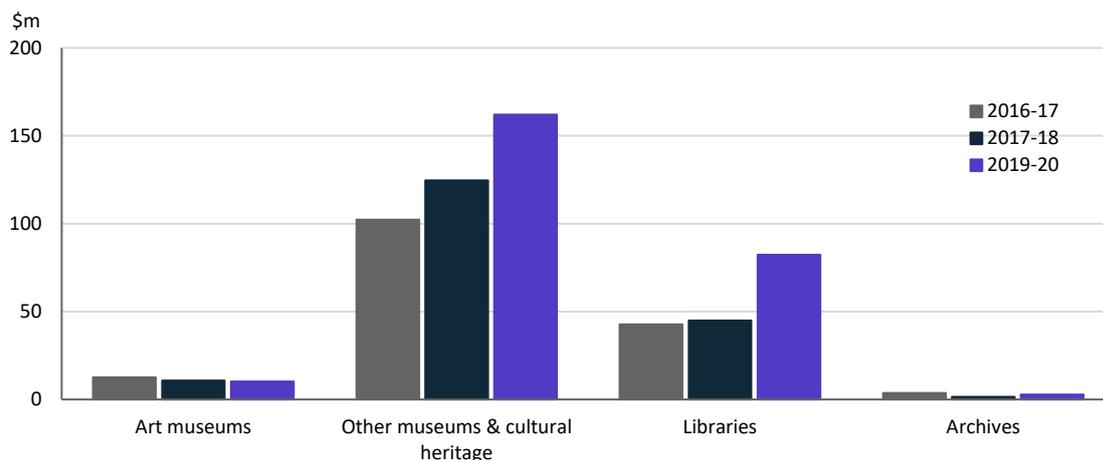
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 69% (\$258.8m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$116.8m, and the largest two categories were *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$98.2m) and *Libraries* (\$8.7m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$141.98.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 41% (or \$75.4m) to \$257.3m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$37.3m) and *Libraries* (↑\$37.2m). Increases were offset by a fall in *Arts museums* (↓\$0.6m).

Almost two-thirds (63%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$162.0m) with an additional 32% spent on *Libraries* (\$82.2m).

Figure 1. Western Australian Government heritage expenditure

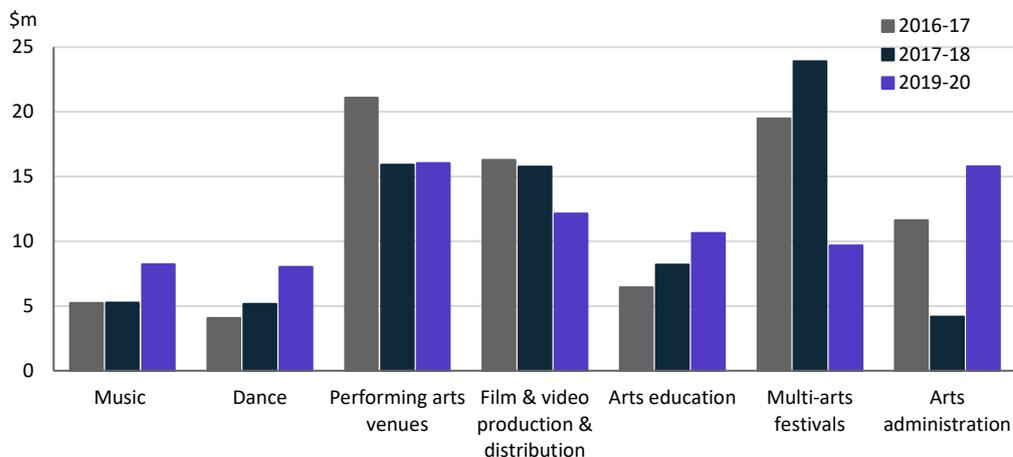


Funds for *Arts* activities also increased 3% (or \$3.3m) to \$118.3m.

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

The main contributors to this movement were *Community arts and cultural development* ↑\$3.0m, *Music* ↑\$2.9m and *Dance* ↑\$2.8m. Conversely, funding for *Multi-arts festivals* decreased by \$14.2m and *Cross-art form* ↓\$4.2m.

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



The main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Performing arts venues*—\$16.0m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$12.2m
- *Arts education*—\$10.6m
- *Multi-arts festivals*—\$9.7m
- *Music*—\$8.2m.

Recurrent expenditure increased 19% (or \$40.5m) to \$258.8m.

Table 2. Western Australian Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2016–17 to 2019–20

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
\$229.3m	\$218.3m ↓5%	\$258.8m ↑19%

- The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries* (\$73.5m) followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$63.8m).

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

