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Funding boost for artists and facilities

The 2018-19 State Budget delivers a direct funding boost for the South Australian arts sector.

“The Marshall Liberal Government will return the focus of government arts funding to artists and arts organisations,” said Premier Steven Marshall.

“Funding will be redirected from government administration towards grant programs and new initiatives to grow our creative industries and attract visitors to South Australia.”

The cornerstone of the new State Government’s arts funding initiatives is the establishment of the National Aboriginal Art and Cultures Gallery.

Operating expenditure of \$200,000 will be provided in 2018-19 to define the scope and vision for the gallery as well as engaging with aboriginal communities, South Australian Museum and Art Gallery of SA.

Indicative investment expenditure of \$60 million has been allocated across the forward estimates to commence construction of the gallery.

To assist the further development of South Australia’s local artists annual funding of \$1 million per annum will be provided to increase grants that provide more opportunities for artists to live and work in South Australia.

Additional funding of \$1 million will be spent in 2018-19 to complete sustainment works at three regional theatres. The Chaffey Theatre, Northern Festival Centre and Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre will be upgraded to ensure they can continue to operate safely and successfully.

To leverage South Australia’s status as a UNESCO City of Music, \$550,000 per year from 2019-20 will be spent supporting the growth of live music across the state and enhancing programs that connect with schools and universities to engage more young people through music programs.

The Budget also provides \$1.25 million in 2018-19 to support the attraction of major performance events for the 2019 Adelaide Festival.

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In order to meet the \$715 million savings task by 2021-22 left by the former Labor government and to deliver the new State Government's priorities, the 2018-19 State Budget includes a revised savings task for the arts portfolio.

"The new State Government is supporting the arts portfolio by reducing the savings task left to it by the former government by \$2.2 million over the forward estimates. The 2018-19 Budget outlines a responsible and achievable savings plan for the arts.

"This includes modest efficiency targets for institutions and programs, as well as a refocussing of Arts SA on the provision of policy advice to government, with other administrative functions being incorporated into the Department of Premier and Cabinet's existing corporate structure," said Premier Marshall.

The Arts portfolio will be required to meet savings of up to \$9.2 million per year by 2021-22.

(\$000's)	2017–18 Estimate	2018–19 Budget	2019–20 Estimate	2020–21 Estimate	2021–22 Estimate
Former government savings	—	4 689	7 558	9 753	12 058
Adjustment to required savings	—	211	1 242	-753	-2 858
Revised savings	—	4 900	8 800	9 000	9 200
Identified savings					
Efficiencies across arts institutions and programs	—	3 000	5 000	5 200	5 300
Re-focussing Arts SA	—	1 900	3 800	3 800	3 900
Revised savings targets — 2018–19 Budget	—	4 900	8 800	9 000	9 200