CHAPTER 54-24.2
STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

54-24.2-01. Eligibility.

Public libraries eligible to receive financial aid under this chapter are limited to those public libraries that:

1. Apply to the state library for such financial aid.
2. Are established and operated in accordance with chapter 40-38.
3. Participate in the North Dakota network for knowledge interlibrary loan and information network.
4. Complete and submit the annual report required under section 54-24.2-06 for the previous calendar year.

54-24.2-02. Grant formula.

Grants to eligible public libraries must be in accordance with the following formula:

1. One dollar, or a percentage thereof, for each person residing in the city or county operating or providing financial support for the public library, as determined by the latest official federal census; and
2. Five dollars per square mile [259.00 hectares], or a percentage thereof, of land within the geographical boundaries of each county operating or providing financial support for a public library.

54-24.2-02.1. Other public funds defined.

"Other public funds", as used in sections 54-24.2-03 and 54-24.2-05, means moneys appropriated for public library services by the governing body of the political subdivision providing public library services under chapter 40-38 in addition to the mill levy made for public library services.

54-24.2-02.2. Maintenance of local effort.

Repealed by S.L. 2023, ch. 477, § 7.

54-24.2-02.3. Calculation of payment - Expenditures.

The state librarian may recalculate and adjust each eligible public library grant formula based on a successful appeal by a public library determined to be ineligible. Within thirty days after notification from the state librarian of a public library's ineligibility to receive grant funds, the ineligible public library shall submit the appeal. The state librarian shall apply the difference between the initial calculated grant formula and the recalculated grant formula to the next available grant formula payment.

54-24.2-03. Incentive for local funding.

To provide for increased local funding, public libraries eligible to receive funds under section 54-24.2-02 shall have the funds allocated to them modified in accordance with the following formula:

Cities levying	
8.00 or more mills	150 percent of allocation
6.00 - 7.99 mills	125 percent of allocation
4.00 - 5.99 mills	100 percent of allocation
3.00 - 3.99 mills	75 percent of allocation
2.00 - 2.99 mills	50 percent of allocation
1.00 - 1.99 mills	33 percent of allocation
0.01 - 0.99 mills	25 percent of allocation
0.00 - mills	0 percent of allocation
Counties levying	
4.00 or more mills	150 percent of allocation
3.00 - 3.99 mills	125 percent of allocation

2.00 - 2.99 mills	100 percent of allocation
1.50 - 1.99 mills	75 percent of allocation
1.00 - 1.49 mills	50 percent of allocation
0.50 - 0.99 mills	33 percent of allocation
0.01 - 0.49 mills	25 percent of allocation
0.00 - mills	0 percent of allocation

The computation of mills must be based upon:

1. The levy on the taxable valuation as certified by the county auditor to the tax commissioner. By May fifteenth of each year the tax commissioner shall provide the state library the certified taxable valuations;
2. The other public funds received and deposited in the library fund for the operation of the library by the governing body during the preceding fiscal year; and
3. Computation of the mill levy equivalent of other public funds as computed by the state library.

54-24.2-04. Maintenance of local effort.

Repealed by S.L. 2007, ch. 466, § 2.

54-24.2-05. Limitations.

For public libraries operated by cities, funds granted under this chapter may not exceed thirty-three percent of the total expenditure of mill levy moneys and other public funds during the preceding year. For public libraries operated by counties, funds granted under this chapter may not exceed the following percent of the total expenditure of mill levy moneys and other public funds during the preceding year:

less than $10,000	100 percent
$10,000 - $19,999	75 percent
$20,000 - $29,999	67 percent
$30,000 - $50,000	50 percent
over $50,000	33 percent

54-24.2-06. Use of funds - Reporting.

Funds appropriated under this chapter may be expended by public libraries for the purchase of library materials, supplies and equipment, salaries of library staff, and services. No funds may be used for land acquisition, construction, or investment.

Each public library receiving funds under the chapter shall submit to the state library an annual report detailing the expenditures of these funds and all other funds expended by the library within the calendar year. Such report is due within ninety days after the close of the calendar year.

54-24.2-07. State aid to libraries - Reimbursement.

Expired under S.L. 2007, ch. 467, § 2.