

**State Library
Budget No. 250
Senate Bill No. 2013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 legislative appropriation	26.75	\$6,822,098 ¹	\$2,472,043	\$9,294,141 ²
2021-23 legislative appropriation	<u>26.75</u>	<u>5,831,721</u>	<u>4,531,143</u>	<u>10,362,864</u>
2023-25 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriation	0.00	\$990,377	(\$2,059,100)	(\$1,068,723)

¹This amount includes \$333,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$6,489,098.

²This amount does not include any transfers of appropriation authority from the Office of Management and Budget funding pools for targeted market equity adjustments, retirement contribution increases, or new and vacant FTE positions.

Item Description

Targeted market equity - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$82.5 million, including \$45.1 million from the general fund and \$37.4 million from other funds, to the Office of Management and Budget for a targeted market equity pool to be distributed to state agencies.

New and vacant FTE funding pool - The Legislative Assembly reduced the 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority for the State Library by \$111,552, of which \$93,855 was from the general fund and \$17,697 was from other funds for the new and vacant FTE funding pool. The reduction is related to estimated vacant salary savings.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2013, identified \$333,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for the State Library as follows:

	Total General Fund
Retirement leave payouts	\$40,000
Maintenance of effort requirements	100,000
Information technology equipment less than \$5,000	43,000
Building renovations	150,000
Total	\$333,000

State aid to public libraries - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,737,582 from the general fund for aid to public libraries, the same as the 2021-23 biennium, and provided no more than one-half may be spent during the 1st year of the biennium. In addition, the Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2050, effective May 15, 2023, allows the State Librarian to recalculate grant payments to public libraries upon successful appeal, repeals the requirement of maintenance of local effort, and clarifies processes for public

Status/Result

The State Library received \$208,189 for targeted market equity increases, of which \$184,053 was from the general fund and \$24,136 was from other funds. Equity increases were provided to 21 employees.

The State Library has received \$78,087 from the new and vacant FTE funding pool, of which \$65,699 is from the general fund and \$12,388 is from other funds, to fill a vacant library associate II position. Through January 2024, the State Library had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$87,154. The State Library used \$13,372 of the savings for accrued leave payouts and other purposes. Vacancies in the State Library have ranged from 1 to 3 FTE positions with an average monthly vacancy rate of 2.29 FTE positions.

Through March 2024, the State Library spent \$2,735 of one-time funding for information technology equipment. The State Library anticipates remaining information technology funding will be spent throughout the biennium. There have been no expenditures related to the remaining one-time funding items. The State Library is unsure if funding will be needed for retirement leave payouts or maintenance of effort. The State Library has contracted with an architect to determine what building renovations may be made with the funding provided and anticipates the updates will be made during the 2nd year of the biennium.

North Dakota Century Code Section 54-24.2-02 requires state aid grants to eligible public libraries be determined based on a formula that includes \$1 per capita for city libraries and \$1 per capita and \$5 per square mile for county libraries. Each biennium no more than one-half of the legislative appropriation may be expended during the 1st year of the biennium. During fiscal year 2023, the 2nd year of the 2021-23 biennium, funding available totaled \$868,791. Based on the state aid formula, libraries were eligible to receive \$1,095,581, resulting in funding of

libraries and state agencies and the role of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council.

Library vision project - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$237,500 from the general fund for grants relating to the library vision project for the 2023-25 biennium.

Grants to tribal libraries - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$50,000 from the general fund for library vision grants to tribal libraries and provided, in Section 22 of Senate Bill No. 2013, the statutory changes to allow the state to provide grants to tribal libraries.

79 percent of the formula amount for which public libraries were eligible. Library state aid grant funding available during the 2023-25 biennium totals \$1,737,582; therefore, one-half of the appropriation allocated to the 1st year of the biennium will total \$868,791. Library grant requests are due April 30, 2024, for fiscal year 2024 state aid grants.

In February 2024, the Library Coordinating Council awarded 38 grants in five programs totaling \$237,248. Grants were awarded for collection development (7 grants totaling \$18,225), makerspace (10 grants totaling \$38,950), programming (6 grants totaling \$22,500), security (5 grants totaling \$39,571), and public spaces (10 grants totaling \$118,002). If funding remains, a final round of competitive grants will be made available in fiscal year 2025.

The State Library accepted applications for library vision grants to tribal libraries through May 10, 2024. The Library Coordinating Council met May 24, 2024, to award the grants. Through April 30, 2024, the State Library has received two grant applications related to support resources, programming, spaces, and library operations. If funding remains, a second grant opportunity will be offered in fiscal year 2025.