

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2024 Funding Formula

State Distribution



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2024 Total State Aid—\$1,411,451.08 (100%) Base Funds = \$ 1,270,305.90 (90%) Per Capita Funds = \$ 141,145.10 (10%)



Base Funds

Funding distributed equally amongst all main libraries with branches receiving 50% allocation.¹ 1,270,305.90/22.5 = \$ 56,458.04 per library



Per Capita Funds

Library per capita divided by per capita total. 18,855/363,071=0.051932 (Kutztown) 0.051932 * 141,145.10 = \$ 7,329.95

¹ Branch libraries will receive full branch base support if they fall within the lowest 10% of the Tax Equalization Board Adjustment or are more than 10 miles from the nearest library.

County Distribution



Basic Municipal Support \$1 for \$1

Libraries that receive up to and including \$1 per capita from their municipalities will be rewarded with a \$1 match for the population of each contributing municipality assigned to a library (as determined by the 2010 census). The remaining funds after deducting the \$1 for \$1 amount will be used for the rest of county distribution.

Muhlenberg (population of contributing municipalities 27,290) receives \$23,539.00 in matching support.



Adequate Municipal Support > \$2.5

Libraries averaging per capita contributions of \$2.5 or more will be eligible to receive part of a bonus pool totaling \$75,000. The final amount allocated to each library is determined by their percentage of the total combined population of achieving libraries.

(16,608/295,230) * 75,000 = \$4,219.08 (Fleetwood)



Exceptional Municipal Support > \$5

Libraries achieving a combined average of the state's Standard for Excellence Aid minimum of \$5 or more per capita will receive equal parts of an additional \$4,000.

4,000/4 = \$1,000.00 (Exeter, Sinking Spring, Spring Township, Womelsdorf)

The following percentages are based off the remaining funds after the above amounts are deducted from county distribution (\$828,111.00).



Circulation

63.50% of the remaining funds will be distributed based on circulation counts. Library circulation is divided by total circulation and multiplied by the allotment of \$525,850.49.

(240,863,/1,579,936) * 525,850.49 = \$80,166.52 (Exeter)



Tax Equalization Board Adjustment

5% of the remaining funds will be distributed to the lowest 10% of the aggregate market value of taxable real property in each municipality divided by the per capita for the allotment of \$41,405.55.

2,001,141,683/88,082 = \$22,719.08 (RPL market value per capita–lowest value of all libraries) 88,082/363,071 = 24.26% (population)



Computer Use

30% of the remaining funds will be distributed based on computer use. Library computer use is divided by total computer use + Wi-Fi counts and multiplied by the allotment of \$248,433.30.

(4,587/109,721) * 248,433.49 = \$10,386.01 (Hamburg)

Distance Support Allocation

1.5% of the remaining funds will be distributed to libraries that are over 10 miles from the nearest library. Equal distribution to all qualifying libraries from the allotment of \$12,421.67.

12,421.67/3 = \$4,140.56 (Bethel, Boyertown, Village)

Minor variations in calculations may apply depending on the calculator type and rounding cutoffs. For accuracy and consistency, all calculations for the 2024 Berks County Public Libraries Funding Formula were performed in the same program using similar methods. Exact amounts can be found on the official 2024 Funding Formula.