

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2026 Funding Formula

State Distribution



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2026 Total State Aid—\$1,511,596.61 (100%)

Base Funds = \$1,360,436.95 (90%)

Per Capita Funds = \$151.159.66 (10%)

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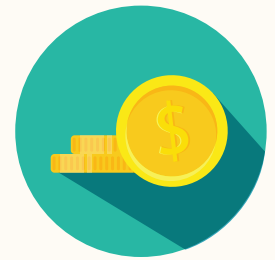


Base Funds

Funding is distributed equally amongst all main libraries with branches receiving 50% allocation.¹

$1,360,436.95 / 22.5 = \$60,463.95$ per main library

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Per Capita Funds

Library service area population divided by total population served by member libraries.

$11,826 / 378,309 = 0.3126$ (Village)
 $0.03126 * 151,159.66 = \$4,725.28$

BCPL received an increase in state aid of \$100,146.61 in 2026. Total state aid received and distributed to member libraries was \$1,511,598.61.

¹ Branch libraries will receive full branch base support if they fall within the lowest 10% of the Tax Equalization Board Adjustment.

County Distribution

For Municipal Support calculations, only direct monetary support will be included for each municipality assigned to a library; in-kind support will not be included.



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 2020 census).

Muhlenberg (population of contributing municipalities is 30,026) receives \$26,192.00 in matching support.



Adequate Municipal Support > \$2.5

Libraries averaging contributions equal to \$2.5 or more per capita will be eligible to receive part of a bonus pool totaling \$100,000. The amount allocated to each library is determined by their percentage of the total combined population of achieving libraries.

$12,632 / 329,242 = 0.0383669$ (Brandywine)

$0.0383669 * 100,000 = \$3,836.69$



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 part of an additional \$15,000.

$15,000 / 6 = \$2,500.00$ (Bethel, Exeter, Reading, Sinking Spring, Spring Township, Womelsdorf)

The remaining county funds (\$776,212) are distributed as shown below.



Computer Use

30% of the remaining funds will be distributed based on computer use. Library computer use is divided by the total computer use of all member libraries and multiplied by the allotment of \$232,863.60.

$(4,333 / 126,837) * 232,863.60 = \$7,955.08$

(Hamburg)



Distance Support Allocation

5% of the remaining funds will be distributed to libraries that are located more than 10 miles from the nearest library. Equal distribution to all qualifying libraries from the allotment of \$38,810.60.

$38,810.6 / 3 = \$12,936.87$ (Bethel, Boyertown, Village)



Circulation

60% of the remaining funds will be distributed based on circulation counts (50% owning library/50% checkout library split). Library circulation is divided by the total circulation of member libraries and multiplied by the allotment of \$465,727.20.

$(109,947 / 1,617,620) * 465,727.20 = \$31,654.72$

(Spring Township)



Tax Equalization Board Adjustment

5% of the remaining funds will be distributed to the eligible library(ies) with the lowest market value per capita, calculated using 2024 market value data from the latest PA State Equalization Board report and 2020 census population for the allotment of \$38,810.60.

$2,000,299,527 / 95,112 = \$25,068$ (RPL market value)
 $95,112 / 378,289 = 25.14\%$ (population)

Reading Public Library received the full allocation because they have the lowest market value per capita and serve more than 10% of the total population served by member libraries.