

## 2021 Funding Formula

The formula is divided into two sections – state distribution and county distribution. If the state or county allocations change, these sections will change.

**State Funding** is divided into two sections - a base allocation and a per capita allocation.

**County funding** is divided into 6 sections:

1. Municipal Support (only direct monetary support will be included; in-kind support will not be included)
  - a. Municipal Support \$1 **per capita** for \$1 for each municipality assigned to a library
  - b. Municipal Support over \$2.5 per capita - combining all of the municipal contributions divided by the total per capita. This section moves the local support closer to the \$5 of local support per capita that was identified in the IVY Report. Support from other municipalities and school districts is included as this is allowed by the state.
  - c. Municipal Support over \$5 per capita - combining all of the municipal contributions divided by the total per capita.
2. Circulation
3. Computer Use
4. Tax Equalization Board Adjustment - the aggregate market value of taxable real property in each municipality divided by the per capita. Awarded to the lowest 10% of market value per capita.
5. Distance Support - for libraries that are over 10 miles from the nearest library.

Data:

1. Per capita - latest census data
2. Circulation and computer use – used calendar year 2019 data as reported by Polaris and Envisionware software.
3. Municipal support – data from the member libraries. If a library loses municipal funding, the comparison for temporary funding will get adjusted. 2019 municipal funding (will be used for the 2021 formula) will require verification. Verification options include copies of municipal checks or a letter identifying direct payment support from the municipality. No in-kind or rental support will be counted as municipal support.
4. Tax Equalization Board Adjustment – data from the state of PA's State Tax Equalization Board – the aggregate market value of taxable real property in each municipality. Updated annually.

Proposed changes to the formula for future years will be communicated 2 years in advance.

Funding formula changes for 2021:

- Temporary funding will be eliminated
- Branch Base Funding:
  - Elimination of full branch base support unless within the lowest 10% of the Tax Equalization Board Adjustment or distance of 10 miles from the nearest library.
  - Circulation and computer use from branches will be included.
  - Allowance for consolidation: if an existing library becomes a branch of another existing library, the base support for a branch will change to ½ base support. Spring Township's branch will change to ½ base support in 2021.

Funding formula changes for 2022:

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 funding formula will use the circulation and computer use data from 2019 for all libraries who begin in-person library service when County restrictions lift from red to yellow levels. If a library refuses to begin any type of in-person library service, their 2020 circulation and computer use data will be used.
- Increase funding for Municipal Support over \$2.5 per Capita from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The funds to increase this will be subtracted from Circulation.

Additional Notes:

- No new libraries or new branches will be approved for inclusion to the Funding Formula