

**State Library  
Budget No. 250  
House Bill No. 1013**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2017-19 legislative appropriation	28.75	\$5,618,301	\$2,247,560	\$7,865,861
2015-17 legislative appropriation	29.75	6,329,981	2,438,751	8,768,732
2017-19 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2015-17 appropriation	(1.00)	(\$711,680)	(\$191,191)	(\$902,871)

**Item Description**

**State aid to public libraries** - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,737,528 from the general fund for aid to public libraries, a decrease of \$295,472 from the \$2,033,000 appropriated for the 2015-17 biennium.

**Library Vision project** - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$237,500 from the general fund for grants relating to the Library Vision project for the 2017-19 biennium.

**Status/Result**

The State Library is providing the state aid to public libraries in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 54-24.2-02 that provides \$1 per capita for city libraries and \$1 per capita and \$5 per square mile for county libraries. Libraries must continue their maintenance of effort. The maintenance of effort requirement provides that a public library is not eligible to receive any state aid to libraries during a fiscal year if the governing body has diminished the appropriation for public library services below the average of the 3 preceding fiscal years. No more than one-half of the 2017-19 legislative appropriation may be expended during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the biennium. Based on the current formula, one-half of the appropriation for the 2017-19 biennium, allocated to the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the biennium, totaled \$868,764, which was 90.7 percent of the amount for which public libraries were eligible.

In July 2014 the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council adopted the final version of the Library Vision 2020 document, effective January 2015. The State Library awards Library Vision grants to school and local libraries to pay costs associated with cataloging library records and adding the records to the statewide library database. Grants are also provided to purchase computers and updated technology for libraries and for makerspace programs. Through March 2018 the State Library has added 141 libraries to the statewide library database. The State Library reviewed all of the libraries in the state and found that some libraries would not meet eligibility criteria and some were not interested in joining the statewide library database. The State Library has identified an additional 5 public libraries, 5 tribal libraries, and 30 school libraries that would be eligible to add library records to the statewide library database.