

State Library of Oregon State Library Assessment FAQ

Why is the State Library supported by an assessment?

The 1993 Legislative Assembly created the State Library assessment in an effort to reduce the Library’s reliance on General Funds and to spread the cost of the Library across all funds.

What does the assessment support?

The assessment supports the entire budget of the Government Information and Library Services division of the Library and a portion of the Administration division budget. Other divisions of the library are not supported by the assessment.

What services are provided to agencies in return for their assessment payment?

Services include the *State Employee Information Center* website (library.state.or.us), research support from professional librarians, professional development and instruction on research resources, document delivery from the Library collection or other libraries via interlibrary loan, distribution of state agency publications to depository libraries, cataloging and archiving of state agency publications in print and electronic formats, and the *State Library eClips* daily news briefing service and other current awareness services.

How many Library staff provide these services?

In 2019-21, the Government Research Services division includes 15.31 FTE staff.

How much has the Library assessed and how much has it spent in recent biennia?

This table shows the Library assessment and expenditures on our service to state agencies since the 1995-97 biennium.

Biennium	Assessment	Increase	Expenditures	Increase
95 - 97	\$4,004,666		\$3,836,756	
97 - 99	\$4,154,028	3.73%	\$4,123,612	7.47%
99 - 01	\$4,917,476	18.38%	\$4,701,034	14.00%
01 - 03	\$5,183,652	5.41%	\$4,800,999	2.12%
03 - 05	\$5,390,220	3.98%	\$5,405,216	12.58%
05 - 07	\$4,970,798	- 7.78%	\$5,379,226	- 0.49%
07 - 09	\$6,148,835	23.70%	\$5,725,781	6.44%
09 - 11	\$6,009,510	- 2.27%	\$5,629,244	- 1.69%
11 - 13	\$5,385,331	-10.39%	\$5,343,302	- 5.08%
13 - 15	\$5,349,662	- 0.66%	\$5,390,393	0.88%
15 - 17	\$5,213,598	- 2.54%	\$5,620,762	4.27%
17 - 19	\$6,079,411	16.07%	\$5,778,138	.03%
19 - 21	\$7,138,296	17.42%		

How much is the assessment proposed for the 2021 - 2023 biennium?

The Governor's Budget includes a proposed assessment of \$7,114,162 to maintain our current services. This amount would support a budget for Government Information and Library Services and related administration costs that is a .003% decrease over this biennium.

Is the Library requesting any policy option packages that increase the assessment?

No, the State Library did not request any policy option packages that increased the assessment.

How is the Library assessment allocated to agencies?

By statute (ORS 357.203), two-thirds of the total assessment is allocated proportionally by FTE and one-third by use of the Library in the prior biennium.

For the 2021-2023 assessment we used four use factors, measured in the 2017 - 2019 biennium:

- Patron services (research assistance and consultation)
- Interlibrary loan and document delivery
- Patron Registration
- Instruction (classes for state employees)

Each of the factors is weighted to reflect relative cost and effort.

Who should I contact if I want more information about the Library assessment?

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