

Georgia Public Libraries – State Grants

State funds are allocated annually to the Public Libraries program as administered by the Georgia Public Library Service. Approximately 92% of these funds are allocated to the State Grants to Public Libraries program; 8% of funds are used for GPLS operations and on-behalf programs. Funds are distributed to public library systems by formula, with the primary goal of funding professional and essential paraprofessional services that comprise the leadership and administration of systems.

Policies guiding the use of State Grants are detailed in the Policies for Public Library State Grants document:

http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/stategrants_accounting/policies-library-state-grants-program2015-05082015.pdf

Formula Basics

- No forced conversions
- A system must have a minimum population of 75,000 to receive more than 4 positions
- Cap of 15 positions funded for any system

State Reimbursed Positions

- Professional, state reimbursed librarian positions will be allocated to library systems as follows
 - one position per county
 - one position per 75,000 population
- These state reimbursed positions will be funded for FY18 as follows
 - Base Allocation per position FY18 = \$64,519.08 plus benefits (payable as Retirement, Health Insurance, FICA – based on state rates) for a total of \$90,416.45.
- Base allocation will be determined annually and will receive cost-of-living increases in line with state employees.
- The library director will receive a supplement above the maximum salary including above-mentioned benefits for a total of \$8,809 for FY 2018.

NOTES: Please see State Reimbursed Position Guidelines for details and rules about professional and allied positions.

System Services Grant

- Any fraction of 75,000 population that does not earn a position will be allocated as SSG based on fraction of population times mid-range salary. **(example: a system with 143,372 population will earn one position based on population and will receive \$58,817.37 in SSG for the extra 68,372 populations (68,372/75,000 X \$64,519.08)**
- SSG funds may be used for any expenditure except the purchase of land and construction, and may not be used to supplement state reimbursed salaries.

Materials Grant

- Materials funds are allocated by the general assembly and shall be distributed on a per capita basis, using the official Population Projections by County (found on the GPLS website).
- Materials funds may be used to purchase books, journals, audio and video recordings, electronic books and materials. Funds may not be used for other purposes, including but not limited to salaries, benefits, construction, or operating expenses.