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Your MUNICIPALITY

Your municipal council supports Marigold by paying a levy (a fee). The levies from all member municipalities make up **60%** of Marigold's revenue.

2

Your PROVINCE

Marigold receives **two** Operating Grants from the Alberta government—

Library System Operating Grant

Provincial money—based on per capita and official population determined by the Alberta government—to operate the system and provide system services.

Municipalities WITHOUT Library Boards:

Municipality pays levy 

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Levy from that Municipality 

Municipalities WITH Library Boards:

Municipality pays levy 

+

Library Board pays levy 

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Levy from that Municipality 

Library Services Grant

Marigold acts as the governing board for municipalities without library boards: Municipal Affairs supports Marigold with the Library Services Grant.

This money is given to the libraries as service grants in accordance with Marigold's *Transfer Payments Policy*.





When public libraries get funding

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Your MUNICIPALITY

Your municipal council supports the public library by allocating funds to your library board.

Local Appropriation:

The **per capita funding** (money for each person in your municipality) that is provided by your council to the library board. The per capita rate is determined by your municipal council.

2

MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM

Your library system assists public library boards with a Services Grant that is based on population. The per capita rate is determined by the Marigold Agreement.

All **37** member library boards receive a Services Grant—subject to Marigold’s annual budget affordability.

Marigold provides service grants when the following are received:

- Current Annual Report
- Budget for the operating year
- Financial Statement for the prior year



How do public libraries fund their operating?



4 Your PROVINCE

Public library boards receive an Operating Grant from the Alberta government—Municipal Affairs.

3 FUNDRAISING, DONATIONS & FEES

Libraries supplement revenue through:

- Hosting special events such as galas, book sales, silent auctions, fall fairs etc.
- Donation from Friends of the Library Society.
- Collecting fees as determined by your library board as per the *Alberta Libraries Act*.



Eligibility:

- **MUST** receive minimum local appropriation from their municipality based on population.
- Submit required documents to Municipal Affairs.

1. Audited year-end financials
2. Budget
3. Annual Report
4. Current Plan of Service (Strategic Plan)

Operating Grant

This grant is paid annually and based on the following population breakdown:

- Up to 600 
- 601-1200 
- 1201-3000 
- Over 3000 

Each year when the provincial budget is approved, Municipal Affairs determines the per capita rate and the official population.

Find CURRENT INFORMATION here:

- ▶ **Municipal Census and Official Population lists:**
www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_official_populations
- ▶ **Provincial funding support for Public Library Service:**
www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/plsb_funding_and_grants
- ▶ **Grant Applications/ Guidelines for Public Library Boards:**
www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/plsb_funding_and_grants

* Hamlets are not incorporated so they do not receive operating grants from Municipal Affairs. From its operating funds, Marigold provides funding for its six community libraries located in hamlets: an annual Services Grant of \$3,100, and an annual Community Library Grant of \$6,660.

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REQUISITION FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

(Schedule C of the Marigold Agreement)

Levy rates paid to Marigold Library System

Year	Municipality WITHOUT library board	Municipality WITH library board	+ Library Board
2020	\$10.74 per capita	\$6.24 per capita	\$4.50 per capita

As of 2020, total levies paid by municipalities without library boards are equivalent to the combined levies (municipality and library board) paid by a municipality with library boards.

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT OPERATING GRANTS :

Municipal Library Board Operating Grant funding for library boards:

- Up to 600 ➡ \$6,660
- 601-1,200 ➡ \$8,503
- 1201-3000 ➡ \$16,650
- Over 3000 ➡ \$5.55 per capita

2019 Alberta Government per capita rates for **Marigold**:

Library System Operating Grant: **\$4.70** per capita

Library Services Grant: **\$5.55** per capita