

# Provincial Operating Grants

## Operating Grants to Public Libraries

All British Columbia public libraries, established by authority of the Library Act, are eligible for provincial funding. Support is conditional on compliance with the terms of the Act. Funding may be withheld or reduced if the amount allocated exceeds local support. Annual funding provided to public libraries by the Province must be used to purchase library materials or to defray general operating expenses. Funding provided to public libraries is based on the following formula.

<b>LIBRARY TYPES BY POPULATION* GROUP</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>PER CAPITA GRANT RATE</b>		<b>=</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
<b>Public Libraries Serving a Population Less Than 12,000 (34 Public Library Associations and 8 Municipal Libraries)</b>	<b>X</b>	Urban RDs	\$3.00	<b>=</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
		Rural RDs	\$3.20		
<b>Public Libraries Serving a Population from 12,000 to Less Than 35,000 (4 Public Library Associations and 7 Municipal Libraries)</b>	<b>X</b>	Urban RDs	\$2.50	<b>=</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
		Rural RDs	\$2.70		
<b>Public Libraries Serving a Population of 35,000 and Over (11 Municipal Libraries)</b>	<b>X</b>	Urban RDs	\$2.00	<b>=</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
		Rural RDs	\$2.20		
<b>Regional Library Districts (3)</b>					
Rural populations	<b>X</b>	Urban RDs	\$3.90	<b>=</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
		Rural RDs	\$4.10		
Municipal populations		Urban RDs	\$2.00		<b>\$\$\$</b>
		Rural RDs	\$2.20		
<b>Regional District Integrated Public Library Systems (2)</b>					
Rural populations	<b>X</b>		\$4.10	<b>=</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
Municipal populations			\$2.20		<b>\$\$\$</b>

### Notes:

- Population figures sourced from current annual estimates provided by BC STATS. Where annual estimates are not available, population figures are sourced from 2001 Census data.
- 2004-05 rates include a 10¢ per capita increase across all categories.
- Urban Regional Districts (RDs) for the purpose of public library operating grants include Capital, Central Okanagan, Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver Regional Districts). All other Regional Districts are considered Rural RDs.