

## State Library of Oregon (SLO)

	2019-21 Actual	2021-23 Legislatively Adopted	2021-23 Legislatively Approved *	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Governor's Budget
General Fund	3,899,570	4,463,754	4,538,886	4,900,626	4,894,113
Other Funds	5,834,771	7,250,105	7,764,467	8,234,407	8,172,036
Federal Funds	5,139,478	7,924,165	7,977,520	5,265,613	5,265,613
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>14,873,819</b>	<b>19,638,024</b>	<b>20,280,873</b>	<b>18,400,646</b>	<b>18,331,762</b>
Positions	40	41	41	40	42
FTE	38.47	39.47	39.47	38.47	39.72

\* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2022.

### Program Description

The mission of the State Library of Oregon (SLO) is to promote lifelong learning and community engagement by providing library services to support state government operations, reading materials for Oregonians with print disabilities, and leadership and resources to promote the development and support of local library services throughout the state.

The Library Support and Development Services division provides leadership and consulting services to approximately 1,600 public, academic, school, special, and tribal libraries throughout Oregon. The division administers state grants to public libraries for summer reading and early childhood literacy programs, and federal grants for statewide library services. The Government Information and Library Services division provides library services and resources to state government employees, including research assistance, instruction, and access to both physical and electronic resources. The division provides Oregonians permanent access to state government publications by creating and maintaining a digital state documents repository that curates, catalogs, and circulates library materials including books, periodicals, and state and federal government publications. The Talking Book and Braille Library division provides reading materials to Oregonians with print disabilities, which includes visual, physical, and reading impairments. The Talking Book Library loans Braille, audio books, descriptive videos, and magazines to eligible readers across the state for free through the mail or via download. Talking Books is the regional library in Oregon for the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) network.

The State Library is funded with a combination of General Fund (26%), Other Funds (45%), and Federal Funds (29%). Other Funds revenues are generated from an assessment on all state agencies, donations, interest income, and miscellaneous receipts. The state agency assessment is based two-thirds on the number of state agency full-time equivalents and one-third on the use of library services by agencies during the most recently closed biennium. Assessment to state agencies for library services are projected to be \$7,634,890 for the 2023-25 biennium. State agency assessment revenue has a General Fund component since some agencies use General Fund to pay the assessment. Assessment revenue supports services to state government agencies and agency operations. Donations and bequests are generally for specified uses (for example, the Talking Books Donation Fund and the Talking Books Endowment Fund) and may not be expended for any

other purposes. Donations and interest income are projected to be \$305,000 for the 2023-25 biennium. Miscellaneous income from activities such as rental of conference rooms are projected to be \$20,750 for the 2023-25 biennium

The State Library receives Federal Funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) per a population-based formula. The LSTA grant requires a 34% match, as well as maintenance of effort (MOE) based on the average of the last three years of non-federal library expenditures relevant to the priorities of LSTA. Reductions in state funding that supports the MOE results in an identical percentage reduction in LSTA funding, although a federal waiver process exists. Federal Funds primarily support statewide services and competitive grants to libraries. Projected LSTA income is \$5,200,000 for the 2023-25 biennium.

General Fund supports the Talking Books program, Library Support and Development Services, and a small portion of Operations.

### CSL Summary

The 2023-25 current service level (CSL) budget of \$18,400,646 total funds [\$4,900,626 General Fund, \$8,234,407 Other Funds, \$5,265,613 Federal Funds] is \$1,880,227, or 9.27%, less than the 2021-23 legislatively approved budget of \$20,280,873. At CSL, the General Fund budget is \$361,740, or 7.97%, more than the legislatively approved budget of \$4,538,886. General Fund and Other Funds increases reflect standard payroll and inflation adjustments. The decrease in Federal Funds is attributable to the phase out of \$2,778,438 in ARPA funds for community access to internet and to increase digital literacy initiatives.

### Other Issues and Background

The agency's requested budget included policy option packages for: (1) \$995,000 General Fund to use as matching funds and to hire a contractor to assist schools with applying for federal funds to improve broadband availability in low-income and rural areas; (2) \$70,000 General Fund in one-time funding to hire a consultant to review the multiple library information systems and develop an Information Technology Modernization Strategic Plan and Roadmap to streamline access for users and ensure efficient workflows for State Library staff; (3) \$233,125 Federal Funds to establish a DEI Analyst position to help advance efforts in facilitating access to communities that are historically and currently underserved and under-resourced; (4) \$110,462 Federal Funds to make permanent a limited duration Virtual Reference Librarian position to support Answerland, a statewide service where Oregonians connect with librarians to find answers to questions and receive research guidance 24-hours a day, 7 days a week; and (5) a cost neutral request to reduce an existing full time Library Specialist 2 position to half time and to abolish another Library Specialist 2 position to establish and fund a full-time Talking Books Librarian dedicated to Oregonians who experience blindness or other disabilities that prevent them from reading conventional text.

### Governor's Budget Summary

The 2023-25 Governor's Budget is \$18,331,762 total funds (\$4,894,113 General Fund, \$8,172,036 Other Funds, \$5,265,613 Federal Funds), and 42 positions (39.72 FTE). The total funds budget is \$68,884, or 0.4%, less than the current service level of \$18,400,646 total funds. The

Governor’s Budget includes reductions in Department of Justice and Department of Administrative Services assessment charges. The Governor’s Budget also includes:

- A reduction of \$71,916 Other Funds due to an anticipated revenue shortfall in revenues from local libraries for database subscriptions.
- Authority to establish a part-time Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Analyst position (0.75 FTE) to help advance efforts in facilitating access to communities that are historically and currently underserved and under-resourced. The State’s Library’s use of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds are directed by a Five-Year Plan. DEI is a top priority of this plan. The agency is directed to fund this position with existing federal funds through a reduction in Services and Supplies expenses.
- Authority to make permanent a limited duration Virtual Reference Librarian position (0.50 FTE) to support Answerland, a statewide service where Oregonians connect with librarians to find answers to questions and receive research guidance 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The agency is directed to fund this position with existing federal funds through a reduction in Services and Supplies expenses.

#### Key Performance Measures

A copy of the State Library Annual Performance Progress Report can be found on the LFO website:

[KPM - View Report \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/KPM-View-Report)