

Cooperative State Aid Funding Model Model Proposed by 10 of 12 Cooperatives

The Cooperative Directors propose the following model that funds cooperatives, core services and public libraries:

50%	Public Libraries (per capita)
30%	Statewide core services (Databases, Resource Sharing, Delivery)
20%	Eight or fewer cooperatives

The largest portion of State Aid goes to public libraries.

Establishes a percentage for statewide core services which comes from state aid.

Achieves equity in the delivery of statewide core services and builds upon QSAC.

Defines the core services every cooperative must provide with state aid funding.

Ensures there is a mechanism for libraries to pool their resources and continue regional cooperation and provides a method for the long term development of libraries.

Cooperatives are funded to cover only basic overhead costs. Cooperatives will work to enhance statewide core services, pool resources in order to avoid duplication and promote the sharing of services, consult (local, regional, statewide), provide leadership for the region and state, seek grants for research and development, advocate for library development (local, regional, and statewide), offer networking/communication (regional and statewide), training and continuing education (regional and statewide), coordinate statewide initiatives, aggregate buying power for members, and facilitate information technology planning, consultation, and support.

Libraries can decide if they want to be a member of their regional cooperative. Cooperatives can sell additional services to members: ILS system, ILL outside of MeLCat, local delivery, workshops, technical support/training, marketing and PR, discounts, bibliographic services, etc.

