
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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State Library — Enrich Iowa

Purpose and History

Enrich Iowa was established to provide incentives to improve library services and to reduce inequities among communities in the delivery of library services, based on recognized and adopted performance measures. Enrich Iowa is comprised of three programs: Direct State Aid to public libraries, Open Access, and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement (ILR). The funding is intended to supplement, not supplant, local funding. To participate in the Enrich Iowa program, an Iowa public library must:

- Be established by city ordinance or as a county library for at least two years.
- Use the Enrich Iowa funds to improve library services.
- Use program funds to supplement, not supplant, any other funding received by the library.
- Provide information for auditing purposes, if requested by the State Library.
- Participate in Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs.
- Meet the requirements of Tier 1, 2, or 3 of the program.

The Iowa Commission of Libraries oversees the allocation of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for purposes of providing direct State assistance under the Enrich Iowa program. A public library is eligible for funds if it is in compliance with the Commission's performance measures.

Direct State Aid

Direct State Aid helps public libraries add computers, purchase books, and obtain other materials. Funding is distributed based on a formula composed of three tiers (Tier 1, 2, or 3) of public library standards developed by the Iowa library community and Iowa Library Services, plus a per capita amount based on the population of the town and the level of compliance with the standards. Funding levels increase with greater compliance with the standards, which provides incentives for improvements in library service.

Open Access

Open Access provides Iowa citizens with direct access to more library materials and information resources. It is a reciprocal borrowing program that enables users from participating libraries to directly check out materials from other participating libraries. The State Library reimburses the loaning library a portion of the expense involved in lending library materials. Currently, the State Library does not provide reimbursements for downloadable audio, video, e-books, or other electronic items.

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement

More Information

State Library of Iowa: www.statelibraryofiowa.org

Enrich Iowa Grant Information: www.statelibraryofiowa.gov/index.php/libraries/funding-grants/enrich-iowa

Local Library Tier Status: www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/Tier%20Status

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Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement, formerly called Access Plus, provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library resources by encouraging and supporting resource sharing. ILR subsidizes participating libraries for each interlibrary loan made to an eligible Iowa library.

Funding

Enrich Iowa typically receives a General Fund appropriation but has received Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) appropriations in the past. The General Fund appropriation for Enrich Iowa is currently \$2.5 million annually.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [256.50](#) through [256.59](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [281](#)

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