



Texas Public Libraries

Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

Explained

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In order to maintain accreditation, libraries must maintain a local level of financial support that meets or exceeds what has been expended previously.



13 TAC Rule §1.74

<http://tinyurl.com/TACaccreditation>

- (a) A public library must demonstrate local effort on an annual basis by maintaining or increasing local operating expenditures or per capita local operating expenditures. Expenditures for the current reporting year will be compared to the average of the total local operating expenditures or to the average of the total per capita local operating expenditures for the three preceding years.*
- (b) A public library must have minimum total local expenditures of ...\$18,000 in local fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021; and \$21,000 in local fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024.*
- (c) Exemption: Libraries that expend at least \$17.50 per capita and at least \$150,000 of local funds are exempt from this membership criterion.*

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Three Parts

▶ [4.2 Total Local Library Operating Expenditures](#) ✓





§1.74(a) Simple Average

Local Fiscal Year	Amount in 4.2
2019	\$32,001
2018	\$35,500
2017	\$33,001
Sum	\$100,502
MOE (Average)	\$33,500.67
$\$100,502/3$	



§1.74(a) Per Capita Calculation

Local Fiscal Year	Amount in 4.2	Population Assignment
2019	\$32,001	1,500
2018	\$35,500	1,545
2017	\$33,001	1,591
Sum	\$100,502	4,636



§1.74(a) Per Capita Calculation

(Sum of 4.2) ÷ (Sum of Population) = Per
Capita Average

$$\text{\$100,502} / 4,636 = \text{\$21.6786}$$

Per capita average multiplied by current population

$$\text{\$21.6786} \times 1,600$$

$$\text{MOE } \text{\$34,685.76}$$



MOE

Maintenance of Effort is the lower of the two amounts.

Three-Year Simple Average

\$33,500.67

Per Capita Calculation*

\$34,685.76

*Only lower with decreasing population

§1.74(b) Minimum Expenditures

\$18,000 Minimum local operating expenditures, local fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021

▶ 4.2 Total Local Library Operating Expenditures ✓

\$21,000 - Minimum local operating expenditures for local fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024



§1.74(c) MOE Exemption

\$150,000 in local operating expenditures (4.2)

AND

\$17.50 per capita
((4.2)/population)

If a library meets or exceeds these amounts, it is exempt from the MOE criterion.



Planning

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Library Budget	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$33,000
Other local fundraising	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$1,500
Expenditures	(\$35,500)	(\$33,001)	(\$34,750)	(\$37,050)	(\$34,595)
MOE	\$32,750	\$32,975	\$33,501	\$34,417	\$34,934
Met?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

What if?



Failure to meet MOE puts library at risk of losing accreditation for the next State fiscal year.



Options

*Items not in the library budget, paid on behalf of the library by the local government funding authority.

1. Confirm inclusion of ALL operating expenditures.
2. Report indirect costs*.





Options

3. Appeal to LSA Advisory Board for a waiver of MOE.
4. Library is not accredited for the next State fiscal year.**

**MOE will reset to new level the following year.





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