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Sec. 11-24b-1. Definitions

The definitions in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 11-24a, as amended shall apply to Sec. 11-24b-2 through 11-24b-3. The following definitions also apply:

(a) "Contract library" means the principal public library in another town which has been designated by contract with a town without public library service to provide service for that town's residents and has been designated as that town's principal public library.

(b) "Total Population" of a town means that enumerated in the 1980 Federal Decennial Census of Population.

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Sec. 11-24b-2. Requirements for the receipt of payment under the program of state grants to public libraries

The State Library will provide public libraries with an Annual Statistical Report Form and Application for Payment of State Grant by July 15 each year.

Any library participating in the program of state grants to public libraries may claim and be eligible to receive a state grant if they meet the following requirements:

(a) Files a Public Library Annual Statistical Report and Application for Payment of a State Grant with the State Library Board no later than November 15 of each year. Such report shall contain a certification page to be signed by the library director. The library director will certify that the library meets the following conditions:

(1) Participates in the Connecticut program, as specified in Connecticut General Statutes 11-31a and 11-31b;

(2) Provides access to library materials without charging individuals residing in the town for borrowers cards;

(3) Provides equal access to library service for all individuals and does not discriminate upon the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap or place of residence in the town in which the library is located or the contract library is located;

(4) Certifies that the state grant will be used for general library purposes as defined in Connecticut General Statutes 11-24a, as amended.

(5) Certifies that the public library's annual tax levy or appropriation has not been reduced to an amount that is less than the average amount levied or appropriated for the library for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the state grant payment is to be made. If a public library has extenuating reasons for an unusually high or low expenditure as compared with the other three years, the library may request, in writing, to the State Library Board, an exception.

(b) The Public Library Annual Statistical Report form shall request information concerning local library governance, hours of service, type of facilities, library policies, resources, programs and services available, measurement of levels of service provided, personnel and fiscal information concerning library receipts and expenditures. Such report must be fully completed by a duly authorized library agent.

(c) Public libraries wishing to receive a state grant must file with the Board, certification and documentation that the library has been legally established in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 11-20.

(d) State grant funds should be expended within two (2) years of receipt of such funds. If the funds are not expended in that period, the library shall submit in writing to the Board a plan detailing how unexpended funds will be used. Such plan should specify the amount of unexpended funds to be carried over, the purposes for which they will be used and a proposed timetable for their expenditure.

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Sec. 11-24b-3. Method of payment for public libraries participating in the program of state grants

(a) Payments will be approved for each participating public library by April 15 of each state fiscal year provided they have met requirements set forth in Section 11-24b-2 (a) through (d).

(b) Payment of state grants to public libraries shall be as follows:

(1) principal public libraries, as defined in CGS 11-24a, as amended, including contract libraries, shall receive a base grant of \$1,200 for each fiscal year;

(2) non-principal public libraries as defined in CGS 11-24a, as amended, shall receive a base grant of \$1,000 for the year ending June 30, 1985; \$750 for the year ending June 30, 1986; \$500 for the year ending June 30, 1987;

(3) the amount of funds to be distributed for base grants is to be subtracted from the total appropriation. The remaining appropriation shall be divided as follows: sixty (60%) percent to support equalization grants and forty (40%) percent to support incentive grants;

(4) payment for equalization grants shall be as follows: the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita shall be divided into the following four classes: CLASS A, towns ranked from 1-42; CLASS B, towns ranked from 43-84; CLASS C, towns ranked from 85-126 and CLASS D, towns ranked from 127-169. Equalization funds are to be distributed among the four classes so that Class B, C, and D towns shall receive 2 times, 3 times and 4 times as much per capita as towns in Class A. Funds available for equalization shall be multiplied by the percent of funds for each class to determine an appropriation per class: The appropriation per class shall be divided by the total population per class to determine an amount per capita; the grant for each town shall be the town's total population multiplied by the amount per capita.

(5) Payments for incentive grants shall be as follows: The State Library Board shall determine for each fiscal year, a statewide average for per capita library expenditures and an individual library's expenditure based on information obtained from the Public Library Annual Statistical Report. Such average will be determined by adding the total general operating expenditures as reported on the Public Library Annual Statistical Form and dividing by the total population of towns served by reporting libraries.

The per capita library expenditure of each town shall be ranked from highest to lowest and the ranked expenditures shall be divided into the following classes: Class A, towns which meet or exceed the statewide average for per capita library expenditures; Class B, towns which meet seventy-five to ninety-nine per cent, inclusive of the statewide average; Class C, towns which meet fifty to seventy-four percent, inclusive, of the statewide average; and, Class D, towns which fall below fifty percent of the statewide average. Funds available for purposes of this subsection pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section shall be distributed among the four classes so that Class A and B towns, respectively, shall receive three times and two times as much on a per capita basis as Class C towns. Class D towns will receive no incentive grants.

Grants to each town shall be determined as follows: said funds available for purposes of this subsection shall be multiplied by the percent of funds per class to determine an appropriation per class; the appropriation per class shall be divided by the total population per class to determine an amount per capita; the grant for each town shall be the town's total population multiplied by the amount per capita.

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