

How are public libraries funded in Alberta?

In Alberta, public libraries are considered a municipal service. That means that for most libraries, the majority of funds for public libraries come from municipalities. The amount of funding that a library receives will vary based on the municipality.

The second major source of funds is the Province of Alberta. Libraries can receive an annual operating grant, the amount of which is determined by their population figures. To be eligible for this grant, libraries must complete an annual survey, the [Survey and Annual Report](#), in February of each year. They are then able to apply for the [Library Board Operating Grant](#) in June.

Other potential fund sources include other grants, private foundations, community sponsors, lotteries, fundraising activities, and individual donors.

