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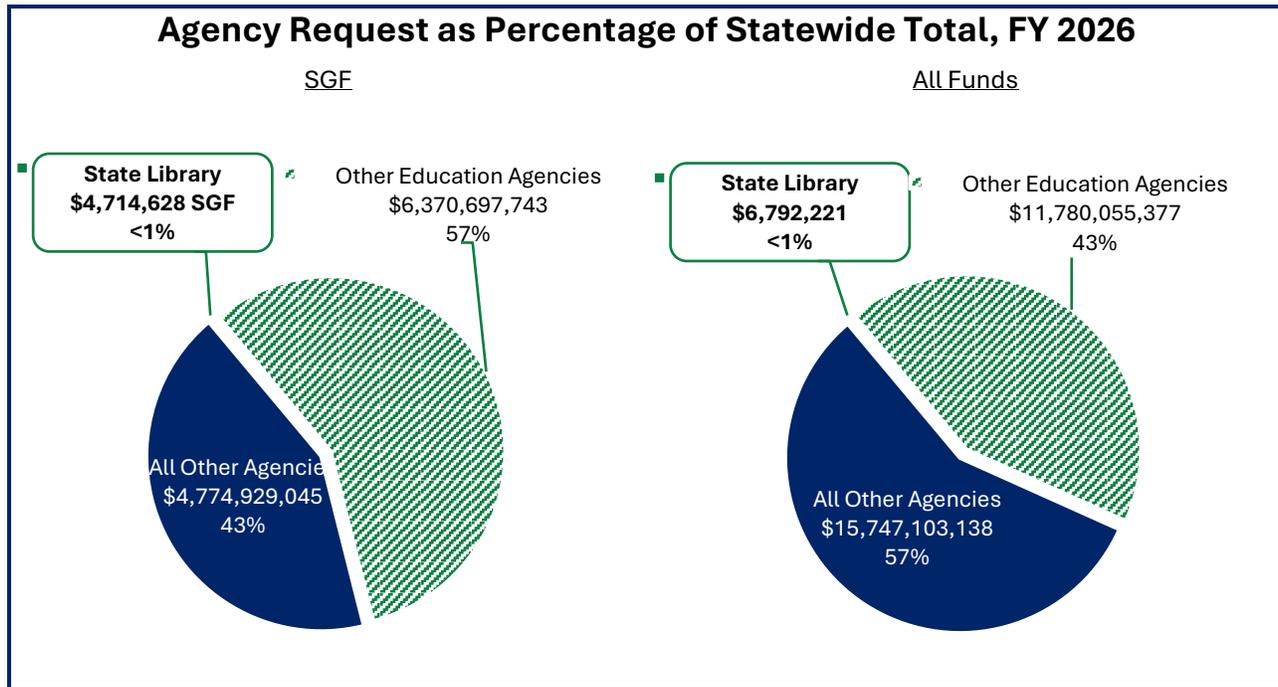
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Executive Summary

The State Library has served the state since 1855 and has existed in its present form since 1963 with the passage of the State Library Act¹ (Act). Under the Act, the agency is empowered to assist library development throughout the state and to provide library and information extension services to all residents of the state who do not have access to library services. Additionally, the State Library provides and promotes library and information services to legislators and state government officials.

The mission of the State Library is to provide library and information services to the executive and legislative branches of state government and to deliver 21st-century library services and resources to all Kansas residents.

Expenditures by Fiscal Year and Version				
	SGF	All Funds	Note	
FY 2024 Actual	\$ 3,981,176	\$ 5,907,448	Actual expenditures	
FY 2025 Actual	5,115,688	7,154,904	Actual expenditures	
FY 2026 Approved	4,714,628	6,837,013	2025 SB 125	
FY 2026 Agency	4,714,628	6,792,221	Revised estimate, submitted September 2025	
FY 2027 Agency	5,187,538	7,360,624	Agency request, submitted September 2025	



¹ [KSA 75-2534](#) et seq.

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Budget and Policy Snapshot

The tables below provide a selection of items that inform the agency budget request. These items include **supplemental and enhancement requests** () , adjustments related to **reappropriated funds** () , **language-only policy changes** requested for inclusion in legislation, changes in **federal or state policy** that impact agency funding, and other budgetary items.

These tables are not intended to be a comprehensive list of changes in the agency budget request. For more detail on individual fiscal year requests, please refer to the [FY 2026 Analysis](#) and [FY 2027 Analysis](#) sections later in this document.

FY 2026

Item	Amount	Source	Note
 SGF Reappropriation	\$ 124,131	SGF	Includes 1.5 percent lapse.

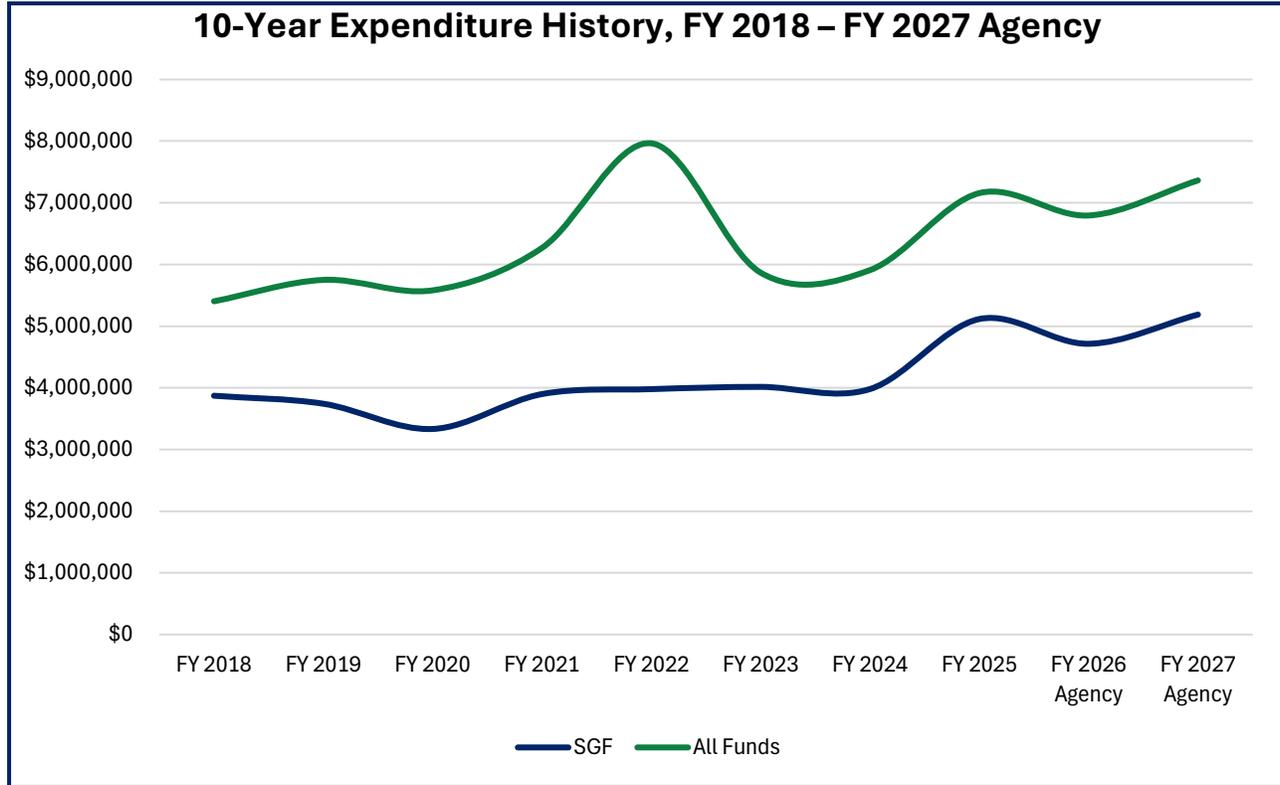
FY 2027

Item	Amount	Source	Note
 State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries	\$ 483,000	SGF	
 State Courier Subsidy	96,650	SGF	

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Summary of Expenditures



Fiscal Year	SGF		All Funds		FTE	CPI-U* Change (%)
	Amount	Change (%)	Amount	Change (%)		
FY 2018	\$ 3,872,811	0.2	\$ 5,402,069	6.7	30.00	0.2
FY 2019	3,743,255	(3.3)	5,749,191	6.4	30.00	--
FY 2020	3,334,468	(10.9)	5,579,679	(2.9)	28.00	0.8
FY 2021	3,899,940	17.0	6,266,729	12.3	23.50	2.4
FY 2022	3,979,748	2.0	7,961,524	27.0	26.00	9.2
FY 2023	4,016,536	0.9	5,866,114	(26.3)	29.50	5.8
FY 2024	3,981,176	(0.9)	5,907,448	0.7	29.50	3.0
FY 2025	5,115,688	28.5	7,154,904	21.1	29.50	3.0
FY 2026 Agency	4,714,628	(7.8)	6,792,221	(5.1)	29.50	2.8
FY 2027 Agency	5,187,538	10.0	7,360,624	8.4	29.50	2.4

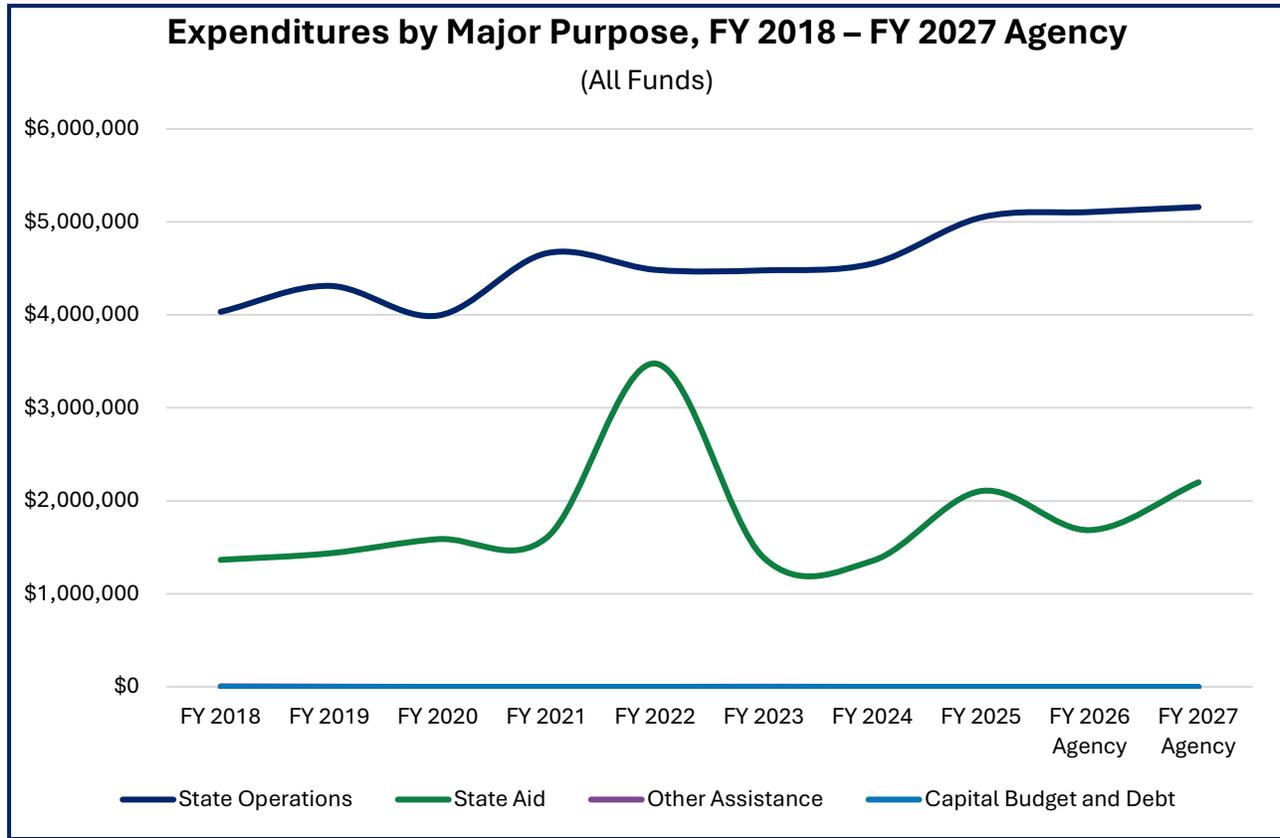
5-Year Change (FY 2023–2027)	\$ 1,171,002	29.2	\$ 1,494,510	25.5	-	11.6
10-Year Change (FY 2018–2027)	1,314,727	33.9	1,958,555	36.3	(0.50)	33.1
3-Year Average** (FY 2023–2025)	4,371,133	N/A	6,309,489	N/A	29.50	N/A

* Note : Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers estimate for FY 2026–2027 is from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group.

** Note : Reflects the three most recent years of actuals data.

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Expenditures by Category, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency
(All Funds)

	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
State Operations						
Salaries and Wages	28.2 %	\$ 1,565,447	\$ 1,853,610	\$ 2,081,569	\$ 1,918,037	\$ 1,973,300
Contractual Services	46.1	2,870,708	3,008,902	2,987,872	3,133,110	3,139,449
Commodities	0.3	22,046	14,475	21,059	18,403	15,300
Capital Outlay	0.5	93,693	171,774	41,640	37,085	32,212
Operating Adjustments	--	-	-	(45,577)	-	-
Subtotal	75.2 %	\$ 4,551,894	\$ 5,048,761	\$ 5,086,563	\$ 5,106,635	\$ 5,160,261
State Aid and Assistance						
Aid to Locals	24.8 %	\$ 1,355,554	\$ 2,106,143	\$ 1,626,319	\$ 1,685,586	\$ 2,200,363
Other Assistance	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	24.8 %	\$ -				
Capital Budget and Debt						
Capital Improvements	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service Principal	--	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Interest	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-- %	\$ -				
Reappropriations	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,131	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 5,907,448	\$ 7,154,904	\$ 6,837,013	\$ 6,792,221	\$ 7,360,624

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State Operations

Expenditures by Classification, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(State Operations, All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Salaries and Wages						
Employee Pay	20.1 %	\$ 1,095,035	\$ 1,332,635	\$ 1,466,284	\$ 1,362,549	\$ 1,393,774
Employee Benefits	8.2	470,412	520,975	615,285	555,488	579,526
Shrinkage	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	28.2 %	\$ 1,565,447	\$ 1,853,610	\$ 2,081,569	\$ 1,918,037	\$ 1,973,300
Contractual Services						
Communication	0.3 %	\$ 23,897	\$ 22,177	\$ 26,836	\$ 23,414	\$ 23,414
Fees (Professional)	1.0	25,885	62,395	28,650	67,468	40,151
Fees (Other Services)	24.0	1,545,172	1,596,138	1,621,787	1,629,414	1,680,338
Freight and Express	--	-	108	-	-	-
Printing and Advertising	0.2	10,695	7,680	11,250	10,500	9,500
Rent and Leases	1.5	99,611	100,736	102,168	102,913	103,213
Repair and Servicing	0.1	5,175	5,905	5,118	6,450	6,600
Travel and Subsistence	0.4	17,804	24,851	22,133	30,385	24,385
Utilities	--	-	-	-	-	-
Other	18.6	1,142,469	1,188,912	1,169,930	1,262,566	1,251,848
Subtotal	46.1 %	\$ 2,870,708	\$ 3,008,902	\$ 2,987,872	\$ 3,133,110	\$ 3,139,449
Commodities						
Clothing	0.1 %	\$ 91	\$ 92	\$ 85	\$ 100	\$ 100
Equipment and Parts	0.1	359	113	400	200	200
Food	0.1	1,894	533	1,750	600	600
Fuel	--	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Parts	0.1	(241)	2,377	2,100	2,500	2,500
Supplies (Office)	0.1	13,626	5,167	10,250	8,553	5,650
Supplies (Professional)	0.1	5,380	5,375	5,399	5,800	5,400
Supplies (Research)	--	-	-	-	-	-
Other	0.1	937	818	1,075	650	850
Subtotal	0.3 %	\$ 22,046	\$ 14,475	\$ 21,059	\$ 18,403	\$ 15,300
Capital Outlay						
Books	0.4 %	\$ 44,353	\$ 140,772	\$ 29,890	\$ 30,350	\$ 26,100
Computer Hardware	0.1	31,074	20,365	5,800	3,623	3,000
Computer Software	--	797	-	900	-	-
Equipment, Furniture	0.1	17,469	8,267	5,050	1,600	1,600
Information Processing	0.1	-	2,157	-	1,512	1,512
Telecommunications	--	-	213	-	-	-
Other	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	0.5 %	\$ 93,693	\$ 171,774	\$ 41,640	\$ 37,085	\$ 32,212
Operating Adjustments	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (45,577)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	75.2 %	\$ 4,551,894	\$ 5,048,761	\$ 5,086,563	\$ 5,106,635	\$ 5,160,261

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State Aid

Expenditures by Classification, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency (State Aid, All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
State Aid						
Federal Aid Payments	3.2 %	\$ 54,511	\$ 56,926	\$ 56,000	\$ 218,000	\$ 218,000
State Aid Payments	21.6	1,301,043	2,049,217	1,570,319	1,467,586	1,982,363
TOTAL	24.8 %	\$ 1,355,554	\$ 2,106,143	\$ 1,626,319	\$ 1,685,586	\$ 2,200,363

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Expenditures by Fund

Expenditures by Fund, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
State General Fund	69.4 %	\$ 3,981,176	\$ 5,115,688	\$ 4,714,628	\$ 4,714,628	\$ 5,187,538
State Library Fund	0.1	2,045	2,212	2,251	2,250	2,250
Gifts and Grants Fund	0.1	4,026	3,266	2,000	2,000	2,000
Federal Funds	30.5	1,920,201	2,033,738	2,118,134	2,073,343	2,168,836
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 5,907,448	\$ 7,154,904	\$ 6,837,013	\$ 6,792,221	\$ 7,360,624

Special Revenue Fund Analysis

The federal Library Services and Technology Act Fund (LSTA Fund) includes annual awards authorized by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. These funds are designed to improve library services, facilitate access to library resources, and encourage sharing of resources between libraries. The State Library of Kansas is the only LSTA designee in the state and is responsible for administering these federal funds, which are mainly used for statewide initiatives. The initiatives include resource sharing, database subscriptions, ebook licenses, continuing education resources, and administration of the public library survey.

A federal matching requirement requires states to maintain approximately 34.0 percent non-federal funds to match the 66.0 percent of LSTA funds. USC 9133(c) outlines that states must maintain their financial support at no less than the average amount reported for the previous three fiscal years. If a state does not meet the matching requirements, the amount of funding will be reduced by the same percentage as the percentage decrease by the state. The LSTA was reauthorized by the Museum and Library Services Act of 2018.

Federal Library Services and Technology Act Fund (LSTA)				
FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency				
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Beginning Balance	\$ 644,770	\$ 642,929	\$ 735,587	\$ 770,032
Revenue				
Federal Grant Operating	\$ 1,890,004	\$ 2,122,710	\$ 2,107,788	\$ 2,107,788
Other Non-Revenue Receipts	-	3,686	-	-
Encumbrances	28,356	-	-	-
Subtotal – Revenue	\$ 1,918,360	\$ 2,126,396	\$ 2,107,788	\$ 2,107,788
Total Amount Available	\$ 2,563,130	\$ 2,769,325	\$ 2,843,375	\$ 2,877,820
Expenditures				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 387,669	\$ 2,033,738	\$ 2,073,343	\$ 2,168,836
Contractual Services	1,478,020	-	-	-
Aid to Locals	54,512	56,927	218,000	218,000
Subtotal – Expenditures	\$ 1,920,201	\$ 2,090,665	\$ 2,291,343	\$ 2,386,836
Ending Balance	\$ 642,929	\$ 678,660	\$ 552,032	\$ 490,984

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FY 2026 Analysis

Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2026						
	SGF	LSTA Fund	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, FY 2026						
1. 2025 SB 125, without Reappropriations	\$ 4,590,497	\$ 2,118,134	\$ 4,251	\$ 6,712,882	29.5	
Reappropriations						
2. State General Fund	\$ 126,021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,021	--	
3. SGF Reappropriation 1.5 Percent Lapse	(1,890)	-	-	(1,890)	--	
Subtotal – Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 4,714,628	\$ 2,118,134	\$ 4,251	\$ 6,837,013	29.5	
Supplemental Requests						
No Supplemental Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--	
Other Changes						
4. Federal Funds Decrease	\$ -	\$ (44,791)	\$ -	\$ (44,791)	--	
5. All Other Adjustments	-	(1)	-	(1)	--	
Subtotal – Other Changes	\$ -	\$ (44,792)	\$ -	\$ (44,792)	--	
TOTAL – Agency Revised Estimate	\$ 4,714,628	\$ 2,073,342	\$ 4,251	\$ 6,792,221	29.5	

Approved Budget

1. 2025 SB 125

The 2025 Legislature passed, and the Governor enacted, one bill appropriating and adjusting funding for state agencies. Select appropriations for this agency include:

- **2025 Pay Plan:** The Legislature approved adding \$35,668, including \$27,314 SGF, to provide salary increases for more state employees based on the Department of Administration’s Market Survey in FY 2026;
- **Approved Lapse:** The 2025 Legislature approved an SGF lapse within state operations in FY 2026. For this agency, this totals a decrease of \$45,577 SGF for FY 2026; and
- **State Grants-in-Aid:** The Legislature deleted \$486,000 SGF and deleted language regarding a base amount of \$1,000 to each eligible library and the base amount for each regional library system for FY 2026.

Reappropriations

2. SGF Reappropriation

The agency carried over \$126,021 in unspent SGF moneys into FY 2026. This money was allocated for the following: funds operating expenditures (\$110,600), grants to libraries/library systems for Talking Books (\$4,592), and the Blind Information Access Program (\$10,829).

3. SGF Reappropriation 1.5 Percent Lapse

The 2025 Legislature approved a 1.5 percent SGF lapse within state operations in FY 2026. For this agency, this totals a decrease of \$1,890 SGF for FY 2026.

Other Changes

4. Federal Funds Decrease

The agency request includes a decrease of \$44,791 in financing funded by federal funds in FY 2026. As a result of the federal funds decrease, the agency is decreasing salaries and wages by \$400,232, which is offset by an increase in contractual services (\$193,441) and aid to locals (\$162,000).

5. All Other Adjustments

While the agency's revised request for FY 2026 does not include any other SGF adjustments between the legislative-approved and the agency's request, there are a variety of expenditure shifts, including a decrease in salaries and wages (\$163,532) and an increase in contractual services (\$145,238). Furthermore, there are additional decreases in spending for commodities (\$2,656) and capital outlay (\$4,555).

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Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2027						
	SGF	LSTA Fund	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, FY 2026						
2025 SB 125, without Reappropriation	\$ 4,590,497	\$ 2,118,134	\$ 4,251	\$ 6,712,882	29.5	
Enhancement Requests						
1. State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries	\$ 483,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 483,000	--	
2. State Courier Subsidy	96,650	-	-	96,650	--	
Subtotal – Enhancements	\$ 579,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 579,650	--	
Other Changes						
3. Salaries and Wages	\$ 256,016	\$ (364,285)	\$ -	\$ (108,269)	--	
4. Contractual Services	(101,409)	252,987	-	151,578	--	
5. All Other Adjustments	(137,216)	162,000	(1)	24,783	--	
Subtotal – Other Changes	\$ 17,391	\$ 50,702	\$ (1)	\$ 68,092	--	
TOTAL – Agency Request	\$ 5,187,538	\$ 2,168,836	\$ 4,250	\$ 7,360,624	29.5	

Enhancement Requests

1. State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries

The agency request includes an increase of \$483,000 SGF for state grants-in-aid provided to public libraries and regional systems of cooperating libraries for FY 2027. This increased aid would allocate \$1,000 to each legally established public library (\$322,000 total) and a total of \$161,000 to the regional system of cooperating libraries. The agency indicates that this base helps address needs among smaller communities that are not being met by the current per capita basis.

2. State Courier Subsidy

The agency request includes an additional \$96,650 SGF to aid local libraries to subsidize the cost of a courier service that allows libraries to share materials to meet their community needs for FY 2027. The agency states that the cost to ship an item using the courier averaged \$1.06 in FY 2025, with 880,00 items delivered. The FY 2025 subsidy accounted for 18.8 percent of the service’s annual cost. The agency’s strategic plan aims to achieve a 25.0 percent subsidization rate with this request.

Other Changes

3. Salaries and Wages

The agency revised estimate includes an overall decrease in salaries and wages (\$108,269) due to leaving a position unfilled and unfunded following the resignation of one employee due to the lapsed funding. The change can be broken down into an SGF increase of \$256,016 and a federal funds decrease of \$364,285. Additionally, there is one position that became vacant prior to the budget submission that is only funded for a portion of the year. The revised budget includes funding for that position starting in January of 2027, which is when the agency anticipates the position to be filled.

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4. Contractual Services

The agency revised estimate includes an overall increase in contractual services of \$151,577, primarily due to database access fees and electronic resource licensing charges (\$132,375). The change can be broken down into an SGF decrease of \$101,409 and a federal funds increase of \$252,987. These database access fees and licensing charges make up 52.3 percent of the total federal financing increase (\$252,987).

5. All Other Adjustments

The agency revised estimate includes an increase of \$24,784 in all funds for all other adjustments, largely due to an increase in federal financing for aid to locals (\$162,200). This is offset by an SGF decrease of \$137,216, which is primarily attributed to a change made during the 2025 Session that deleted \$486,000 SGF and a base \$1,000 to each eligible library.

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State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries

Pursuant to KSA 75-2553 *et seq.*, the State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries Act² (Act) provides supplemental funding to local libraries' budgets based on requests by libraries and amounts reasonably available for such purposes. In FY 2025, the appropriation is split two ways between public libraries and the seven regional library systems, one a base amount per library/library system and the second a per capita amount.

From FY 2019 to FY 2024, the total appropriation for the Act was \$1,067,914 per year and was only on a per capita basis, with two-thirds divided between public libraries and one-third divided between the seven regional library systems by a formula. Per the agency, the current appropriation is well below the largest appropriation for the program in FY 2000 (\$2,821,531) and remains the lowest amount appropriated since FY 1987 (\$1,048,761), neither of which adjusts for inflation. The agency also reports that in FY 2023, more than 75.0 percent of Kansas public libraries received less than \$1,000 under the Act.

During the 2024 Session, the Legislature approved a request from the agency to establish a base amount by proviso in the appropriations bill, SB 28, and authorized an increase in formula allocation. In FY 2025, the base amount was \$1,000 per library. The agency indicated that this base helps address needs among smaller communities that are not being met by the current per capita basis. The 2024 Legislature also included an increase in per capita spending. In FY 2023, the agency distributed \$0.28 per capita to public libraries under the Act, and the Legislature increased this to \$0.30 in FY 2025.

The agency does have an enhancement request regarding the State Grants-in-Aid for FY 2027. This request includes an increase in the base amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per library for FY 2027. This would be an increase of \$483,000 SGF, resulting in a total amount of \$1,804,717 for the base portion.

² [KSA 75-2553](#) *et seq.*