

Below are questions to ask Members of the Legislative Assembly at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta [Spring Convention](#) (Mar. 20-22), or the Alberta Municipalities [President's Summit on the Future of Municipal Government](#) or [Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus](#) (Mar. 29-30); there is no requirement to ask all three questions.

1. Per Capita Rate Unchanged

The rate of \$5.55 per capita for public libraries and \$4.70 per capita for systems has remained the same since 2017, despite rising costs such as staff wages, technology licences and more.

What process would you suggest for reviewing per capita grant rates provided to libraries?

2. Outdated Population Data Used

Population data being used today to calculate per capita grants is from 2016, despite significant increases in population, especially in communities like Beaumont & Leduc.

NOTE: This is an example only; please change to your own situation

Community	2016 Population	2022 Population	Increase
City of Beaumont	29,993	34,500	4,507 or about 15%
City of Leduc	17,396	20,888	3,492 or about 20%

Do you agree that using current population figures is a fundamental principle of per capita funding? How can we transition library grants to reflect current populations?

3. No Adjustment for Inflation

Inflation has risen steadily since the last time per capita grant rates were set. Incremental increases, year over year, at the rate of inflation would help libraries keep pace. According to the Bank of Canada, adjusting for inflation since 2017 would move the \$5.55 grant to \$6.50, while the \$4.70 grant would become \$5.38.

How can we incorporate annual adjustments for inflation into library grants?
