

## Consumer Price Index - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

<b>Series Title</b>	All items in Minneapolis-St.Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI, urban wage earners and clerical workers
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<b>Seasonality</b>	Not Seasonally Adjusted
<b>Survey Name</b>	CPI-Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Current Series)
<b>Measure Data Type</b>	All items
<b>Area</b>	Minneapolis-St.Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI
<b>Item</b>	All items

Year	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2024	296.521	294.436	298.607
2025	302.758	301.516	304.249

2027 Library Funding Calculation	
2025 CPI Percentage Increase	2.10%
2026 Funding	\$ 606,600
2027 Funding	\$ 619,339
2027 Funding = 2026 Amount + 2025 CPI increase [the last year available for data]	

## **History and Overview of Goodhue County Funding for Library Services**

The state legislature made county membership of a regional library system mandatory in 1987 (MINN. STAT. 134.341). Based on this statute, the county is required to provide public library service and be a member of SELCO. Rather than have SELCO (or Goodhue County) provide library services directly, funds are directed to the individual city libraries to provide services to rural residents. SELCO charges the libraries individual membership fees for region-wide database access and technical support. In 1990, the Minnesota Assistant Attorney General issued a statement that SELCO should have a contract with its counties and the county and SELCO (along with the libraries) have had an agreement in place since 1990.

Through 2014, SELCO, the city libraries, and the county met periodically to negotiate a new contract. These negotiations have varied in terms of representation; the negotiation for the 2014 agreement was a large undertaking comprised of numerous city officials and county staff.

Ultimately, a new agreement was drafted County Attorney, Steve Betcher and was agreed upon by all parties, specifying county funding at a level of \$468,000 and that beginning in 2015, annual increases would be based on the previous year's amount plus a lagging CPI adjustment, with a 4% cap on the increase, a 0% (flat) funding if CPI was negative and that "funding will not be reduced unless agreed to by the parties."

This contract was in place from 2014-2018. In 2018, all parties felt the existing agreement was working extremely well and it was decided to continue the same formulation without any changes to funding by adding an ***Extension of Initial Term*** section that essentially continues the agreement on a biannual basis unless either party provides notice in writing 60 days prior to the expiration.

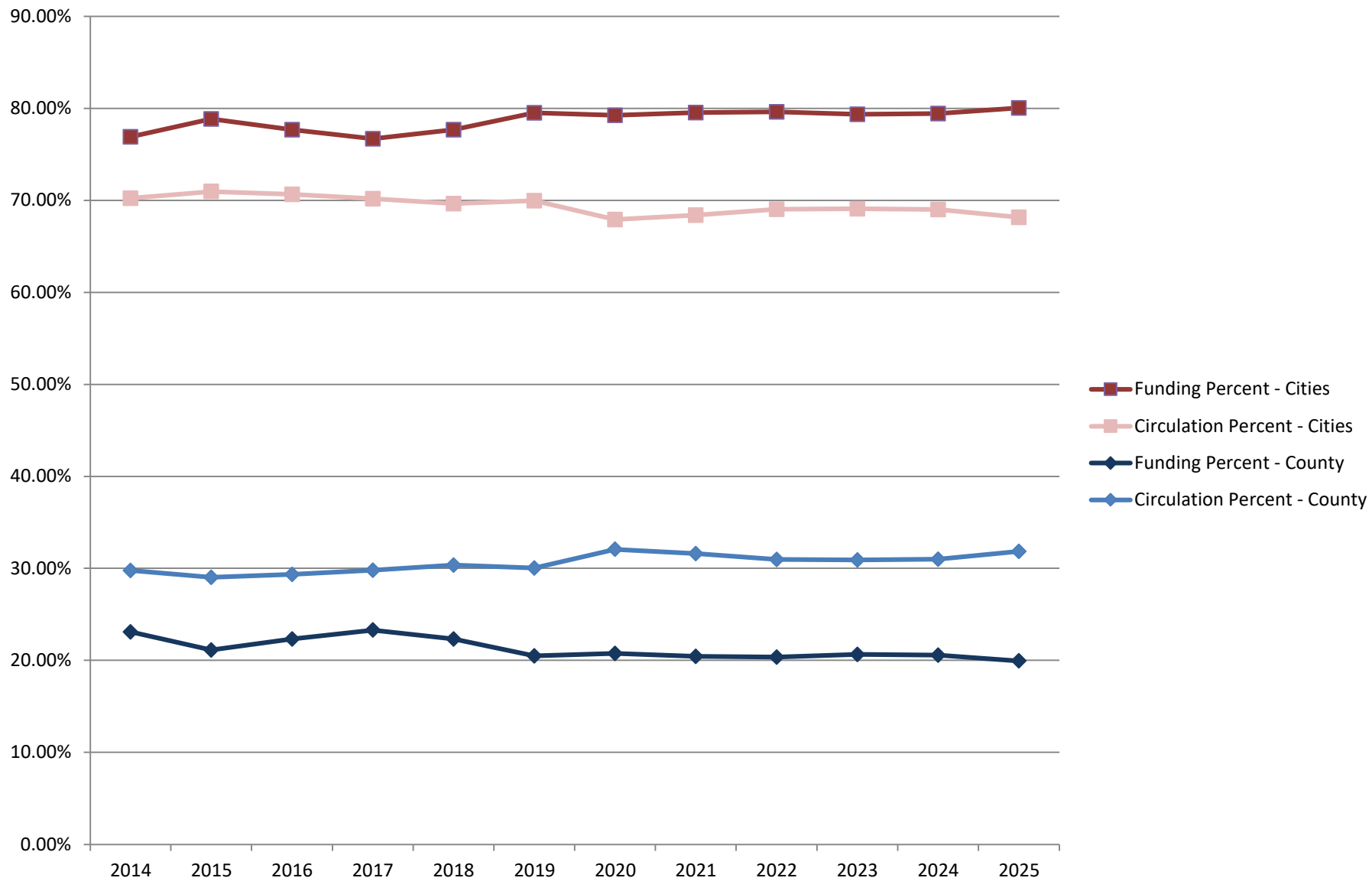
One of the longstanding issues with contract negotiations prior to 2014 was making sure the county did not "fall behind" the cities when it came to overall funding and involved general disagreement over library funding between cities and the county. The libraries (and respective cities) feel the CPI mechanism put in place in 2014 has worked effectively to avoid funding disagreements and cause periodic negotiations over funding amounts. A history of funding since 2014 has been provided and reflects an average annual increase of 2.18% since these terms were decided upon in 2014.

*Annual Funding = Previous Year Amount + Latest CPI Available Data (2 year lag)*

2014 Funding	\$ 468,000		> Negotiated Contract Amount
2015 Funding	\$ 476,424	1.80%	
2016 Funding	\$ 483,951	1.58%	
2017 Funding	\$ 483,951	0.00%	> Negative CPI results in 0% per agreement
2018 Funding	\$ 491,210	1.50%	
2019 Funding	\$ 503,048	2.41%	
2020 Funding	\$ 516,429	2.66%	
2021 Funding	\$ 525,880	1.83%	
2022 Funding	\$ 533,032	1.36%	
2023 Funding	\$ 554,353	4.00%	> Amount not to exceed 4%, per terms of agreement
2024 Funding	\$ 576,527	4.00%	> Amount not to exceed 4%, per terms of agreement
2025 Funding	\$ 591,747	2.64%	
2026 Funding	\$ 606,600	2.51%	
2027 Funding	\$ 619,339	2.10%	
<b>Average 2015-2027</b>		<b>2.18%</b>	



## 2014-2025 Funding Comparison Circulation & Funding Percentages



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR LIBRARY SERVICES**

This Agreement made and entered into, effective January 1, 2019, by and among Southeastern Libraries Cooperating, a non-profit corporation as organized under Minnesota Statutes 317A, also designated as a regional public library system as recognized in Minnesota Statutes 134.20 (hereinafter referred to as “SELCO”), the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota (hereinafter referred to as “County”), and the Library Boards as established under Minnesota Statutes 134.11 governing the Cannon Falls Library, Kenyon Public Library, Lake City Public Library, Van Horn Public Library-Pine Island, Red Wing Public Library, and the Zumbrota Public Library (hereinafter referred to as the “Libraries”), and further the Goodhue School (hereinafter referred to as the “School”).

**RECITALS:**

- A. The State of Minnesota requires the County, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 134.34 and 134.341, to participate in a regional public library system as assigned by the Minnesota Department of Education.
- B. SELCO is a regional public library system created pursuant to Minnesota Statutes and is designated to serve County.
- C. SELCO and the Libraries have the authority and responsibility to determine library services to be provided County’s residents, as per this Agreement.
- D. SELCO, the County, the Libraries, and the School wish to set forth their relative responsibilities in connection with their relationship under Minnesota Statutes. All parties shall provide employment and services to all people without discrimination and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, or ordinances, rules, regulations, and executive orders pertaining to unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability or age.
- E. The Board of Commissioners of County has the continuing authority and responsibility to determine how to distribute County property tax dollars, a portion of which is to pay for public library services.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. County will participate in SELCO.
- 2. County will levy and collect funds on lands not otherwise taxed for library services for the support of library services in County in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 134.34.
- 3. The County agrees to provide funding at a level of \$502,999.00 for 2019. Said date and amount shall constitute the base for future calculations of County funding. The payment amount for subsequent years after 2019 shall be the previous year’s amount, automatically adjusted by the previous year’s annual average percentage change in the

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For example:

$$2020 = \$502,999 + (\$502,999 \times 2018 \text{ CPI})$$

$$2020 = \text{County Payment Amount for Library Services} = 2019 \text{ amount} + 2018 \text{ CPI increase [the last year available for data]}$$

County participation in library funding shall be set for each year by the Goodhue County Board as part of their annual budget process during the preceding year. Libraries are invited to participate in the county budget process. Said payment may rise no more than four percent in any one year. Funding will not be reduced unless agreed to by the parties. Any amount in excess of a four percent annual increase in CPI will be considered in the following year budget discussions.

4. The County shall make semi-annual equal payments on or before May 30 and October 31.
5. SELCO, acting as fiscal agent and after receiving County payment as outlined in clause 3, will disperse funds to the Libraries pursuant to a separate agreement among the Libraries and SELCO.
6. The Libraries and SELCO shall provide library service to the residents of the County at no additional fee beyond those imposed on all library users. By way of illustration, these services may include:
  - a. Onsite use of all library materials, equipment and resources, including public access internet computers;
  - b. Onsite and remote access to licensed online electronic resources;
  - c. Checkout/circulation privileges for all circulating materials. These may include, such items as books, audio and video media, and magazines;
  - d. Walk-in privileges at Minnesota public libraries;
  - e. Interlibrary loan service, accessing items in the 11 county area, as well as, statewide access to MnLiNK;
  - f. Access to children's services including school visits, pre-school storytime and summer library programs;
  - g. Onsite reference service;
  - h. Ease of return - check out material from any library and return to any SELCO library;
  - i. Programs for various age groups; and
  - j. Commitment to cooperate with other community groups.
7. SELCO, the County, the Libraries, and the School agree to continue a project to provide alternative community library service in Goodhue (hereinafter referred to as the "Project").
  - a. Funding for the Project will come from the County's allocation for library service and be calculated by the same formula and paid by SELCO as agreed to by other participating libraries referenced in clause 5 herein.

- b. As directed by the Minnesota Department of Education, State Library, SELCO must act as fiscal agent for Project funds.
  - c. Expenses for curriculum-related materials, personnel, or services are not permitted.
  - d. Should the project cease prior to the termination of this Agreement, remaining funds will revert to the Libraries for distribution as outlined in clause 5.
  - e. The Goodhue Library Advisory Task Force, consisting of community residents and Project representatives, will continue its role to plan, publicize, provide management advice, and evaluate.
  - f. The School and the Goodhue Library Advisory Task Force will monitor the progress of the Project and determine measures of success sufficient to warrant continued use of school facilities and staff. After any quarterly data-reporting period, any of the Parties may request reconsideration of the Project and, after additional review, the Parties may negotiate to terminate the Project prior to the term of this Agreement.
8. SELCO shall collect necessary data from County and the Libraries and the Project to report to the County and the Minnesota Department of Education by July 1 of each year. The Commissioner of Education will certify to the County and the Libraries the minimum level of support required by Minnesota Statutes 134.34.
9. The Libraries agree to provide the County with annual operational data based on information gathered by the Minnesota Department of Education as referenced in Minnesota Statutes 134.13.
10. **Initial Term.** The initial term of this Agreement is to commence on the first day of January, 2019, for a term of five years, to expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of December, 2024, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Paragraph 11 of this Agreement.

**Extension of Initial Term.** After the initial term, this Agreement shall continue on a biannual (2 year) basis unless either Party provides notice in writing at least sixty (60) days before the expiration of this Agreement of its intention not to extend this Agreement. In the event neither Party gives notice of its intention not to extend this Agreement following the initial term or any extended two-year term, this Agreement shall automatically be extended, with all terms and conditions herein expressed, for an additional two year period unless amended or terminated by the Parties in accordance with this Agreement.

The parties agree to meet on a regular basis, at least semi-annually, to share information and to negotiate additional terms in good faith beginning a minimum of one (1) year prior to the termination date. The County shall convene, at least annually, one or more meetings of a Library Working Group comprised of library board representatives, county staff, and representatives of the Goodhue County Board to discuss library issues.

11. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:
- a. By mutual written consent of the Parties;
  - b. By written notice from SELCO to County if County is in material breach of this Agreement for thirty (30) days after written notice of such breach.

- c. By written notice from the Libraries to County if County is in material breach of this Agreement for thirty (30) days after written notice of such breach.
- d. By written notice from County to SELCO if SELCO is in material breach of this Agreement for thirty (30) days after written notice of such breach.
- e. By written notice from County to Libraries if Libraries are in material breach of this Agreement for thirty (30) days after written notice of such breach.

12. This document states the entire Agreement among the parties about its subject matter. No agreement affecting the subject matter of this Agreement shall be entered into by any of the Parties unless all parties are signatories to such agreement. This Agreement may only be changed, modified, or amended through a written instrument signed by all of the parties to it expressly referencing this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to limit or restrict County participation in individual city projects related to community infrastructure which may benefit individual libraries or the Project.

**Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO)**

President of SELCO Board of Directors	Date
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**County of Goodhue County**

Chair, County Board of Commissioners	Date
In Witness Whereof, Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County, Minnesota.	

County Administrator	Date
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**Cannon Falls Library**

Library Board President	Date
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**Kenyon Public Library**

Library Board President	Date
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**Lake City Public Library**

Library Board President	Date
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**Van Horn Public Library-Pine Island**

Library Board President	Date
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**Red Wing Public Library**

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Library Board President

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**Zumbrota Public Library**

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Library Board President

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**Goodhue Public School**

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School Board President

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