Calculation of non-residency cards

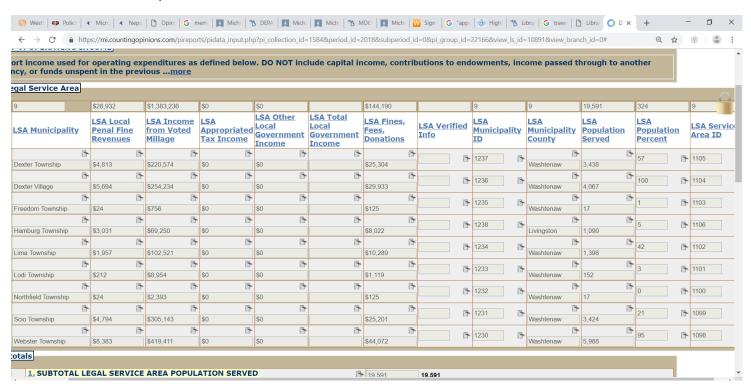
Provided by Clare Membiela, Library Law Consultant, Library of Michigan

A library may charge nonresident borrowing fees to a person residing outside of the library's service area, including a person residing within the cooperative library's service area to which that library is assigned, if the fee does not exceed the costs incurred by the library in making borrowing privileges available to nonresidents including, but not limited to, the costs, direct and indirect, of issuing a library card, facilitating the return of loaned materials, and the attendant cost of administration. (See Op MI Atty General, No 6188, (1983)).

Method 1 Citizen cost method:

Using millage monies, municipal appropriation amounts, State Aid payments and Penal Fine payments, calculate the total amount of monies obtained by the library for legal service area, and each contracted area receiving library services comparable to those obtainable with a non-residency card

Ex: Dexter District Library:



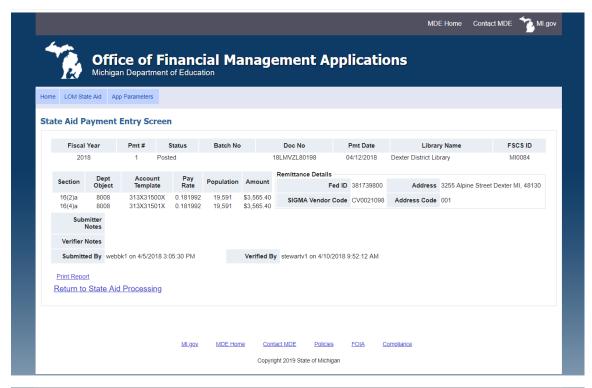
Penal Fines & Millage 1,412,168.

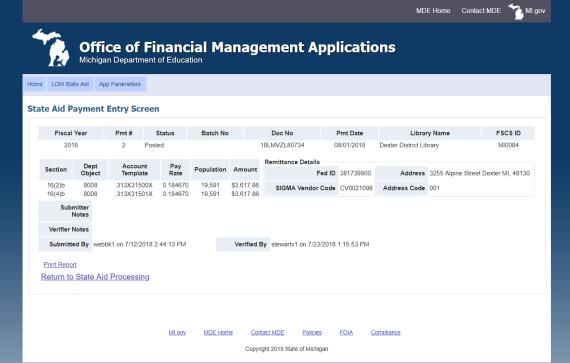
State Aid - 14,366.52

Total 1,426,534.50

1426534.50 / population - 19,591 =

\$72.81 per capita





The library could calculate the amount using only funds received (millage/appropriations, Penal Fines, State Aid) for the legal service area population if that is preferred and any contracted areas do not contribute a millage or appropriated monies.

2) Cost Method:

Library Budget (Total Operating expenditures) / population

1,399,172.0 / 19,591

\$71.42 per capita