



**wood buffalo regional library**

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# Community Investment History

2026 Request	2025 Approved	2024 Approved
\$4,664,965	\$4,485,544	\$4,352,600

- Annual payroll growth.
- Annual increase to rent, utilities and janitorial.
- Increase Monday service hours by 3 hours (until 8 PM).

# 2026 Grant Request

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Revenue	\$817,688
Expense	\$5,725,853
Subsidy Requested	\$4,664,965
Subsidy represents <b>81%</b> of total expenses (Subsidy/Expenses)	

Previous Year's Financial Information	
Last Fiscal Year End Date	December 31, 2024
Total expenses from previous year	\$5,267,525
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$643,978

# 2026 Expense Summary

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>Funded by RMWB</b>
Salary/Wages 43 FTE (36 full time, 17 part time)	\$3,942,161	\$3,896,465
Program Costs	\$422,450	\$0
Overhead (administration, utilities, insurance, etc.)	\$1,361,242	\$768,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,725,853</b>	<b>\$4,664,965</b>

# Summary

## Strategic Plan Priorities:

- Increasing awareness of WBRL
- Reaching more people through sustainable and creative solutions
- Embracing inclusion and accessibility at WBRL
- Exploring and expanding the various dimensions of literacy services
- Investing in technology for operations and services
- Expanding virtual services with access, resources, and connections
- Building services in consultation with Elders and Indigenous partners
- Investing in and building the capacity of WBRL employees

Municipal funding supports access to information, technology resources, opportunities for creativity and learning, and inclusive programs and services for residents throughout the region.