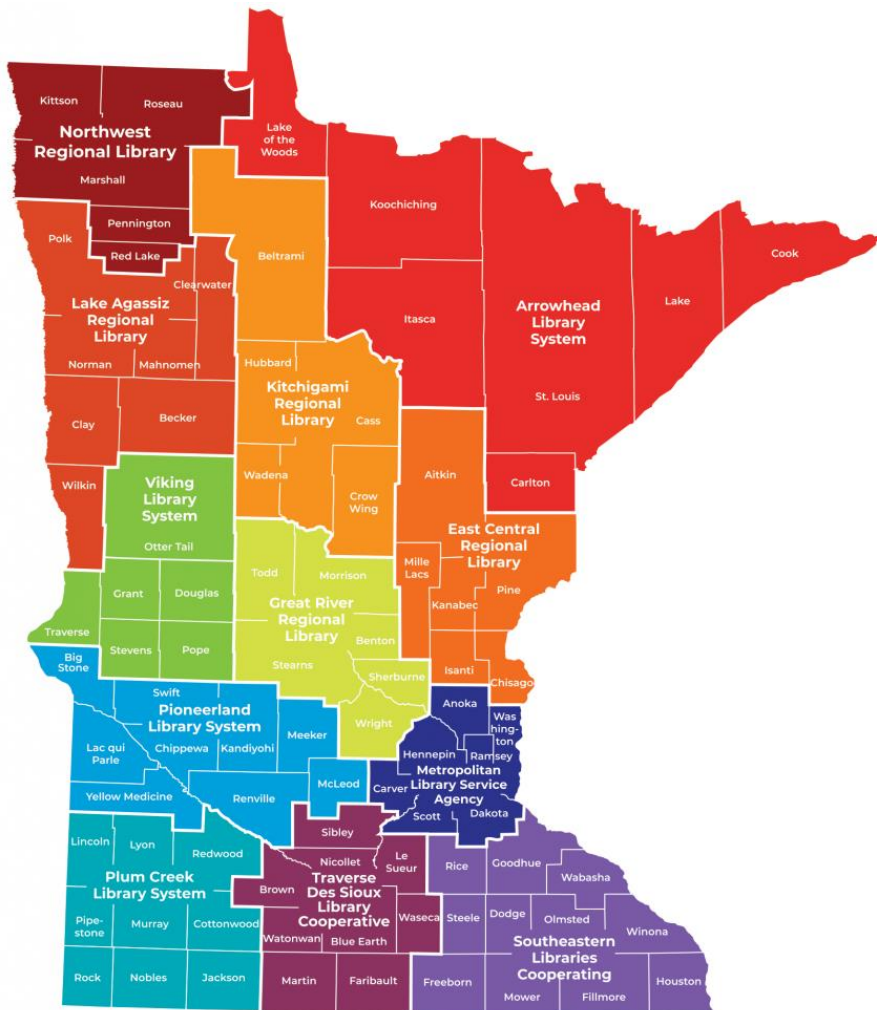




Governor's Capital Budget Recommendation Library Construction Grants

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Minnesota's Public Libraries



- 12 regional public library systems with 359 public library locations
- 8 bookmobiles
- At least 1 public library in every county
- 2022 usage:
 - 13.5 million visits to libraries in 2022 – that's more than seven times the attendance at the MN State Fair in 2021
 - 53 million items borrowed
 - Over 37,000 community meetings took place in Minnesota Public Libraries in 2021

Public Library Construction Grant Program

- Minn. Stat. 134.45
- Eligible applicants: cities, counties, and regional public library systems
- Two project types:
 - Improvement (max. award of \$1,000,000)
 - Accessibility (max. award of \$450,000)
- Requires minimum local match of 50% total project costs
- Competitive peer-review process



Kimball Public Library, 2019 grantee

2024 Recommendation and Interest

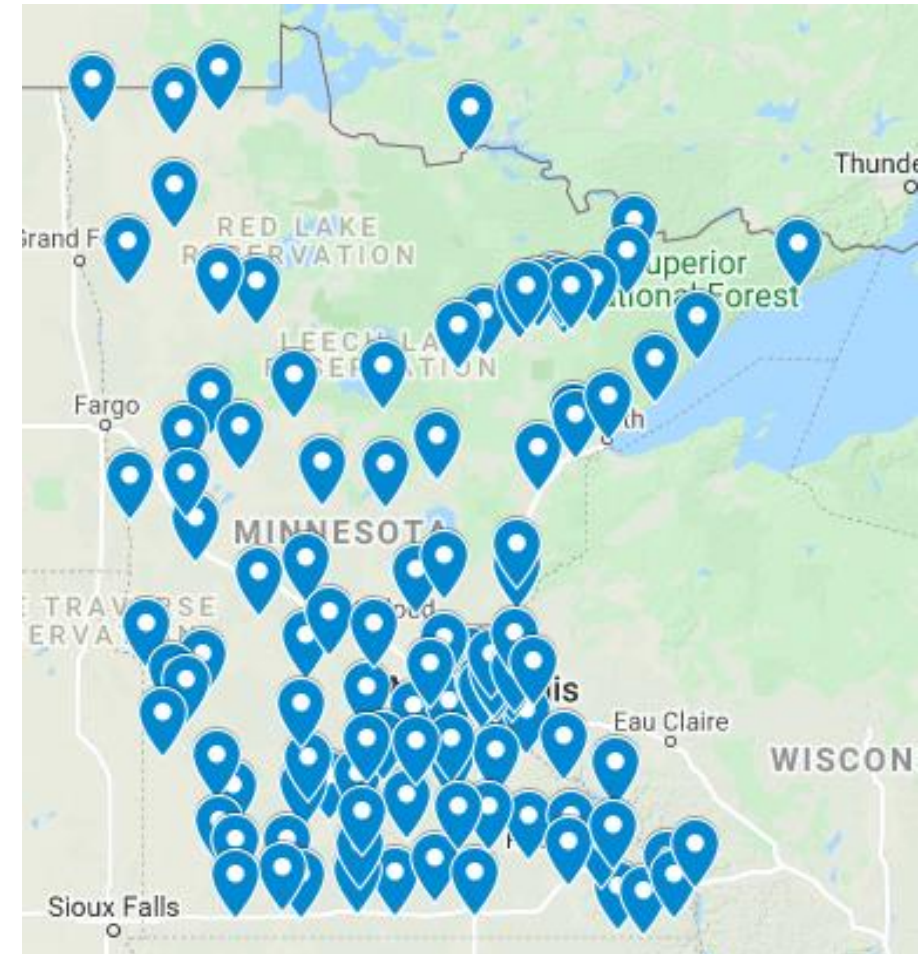


Cloquet Public Library, 2019 grantee

- **2024 recommendation is \$1M**
- Historically, \$17.8M in grant funds has drawn nearly \$112M in local support
- Prospective cities: Bayport, Butterfield, Clara City, Cold Spring, Crookston, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Janesville, Pipestone, Rochester, Saint Paul, Spring Valley, Springfield, Walker
- Prospective counties: Blue Earth, Dakota, Douglas, Meeker, Scott, Sibley
- Estimated need is just over \$194M statewide

Program Data

- Funded 13 times from 1994 through 2023
- Appropriations ranging from \$1M to \$4M
- 170 awards made in project lifespan
- Average award = \$107,987
 - Largest = \$1M in 2018 for Fergus Falls
 - Smallest = \$614 in 1996 for White Bear Lake
- Average local match = \$6.27 local per \$1 state



Thank You