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(a) Each year, the Department may include in its budget operating funds for:

- (1) The State Library Resource Center;
- (2) Each regional resource center; and
- (3) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

(b) (1) The State shall pay all capital expenses for:

- (i) The State Library Resource Center; and
- (ii) Each regional resource center.

(2) Before any money is spent under this subsection, the appropriate board of library trustees shall:

(i) Have the project approved by the Department;

(ii) Through the Department, submit the request to the Department of Budget and Management for consideration under Subtitle 6, Title 3 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

(iii) Agree to reimburse the Department an amount the Department determines if the facility ceases to be used for a resource center or cooperative service program.

(c) (1) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a minimum amount of funding for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating and capital expenses.

(2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

(i) For fiscal year [2001.....\$1.70] 2006.....\$4.50 per each resident of the area served;

(ii) For fiscal year [2002.....\$3.50] 2007.....\$5.50 per each resident of the area served;

(iii) For fiscal year [2003.....\$4.00] 2008.....\$6.50 per each resident of the area served; [and]

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.....\$7.50 PER EACH RESIDENT OF THE AREA SERVED; AND

[(iv)] (V) For fiscal year [2004] 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter.....[\$4.50] \$8.50 per each resident of the area served.

(d) (1) Each year the State Library Resource Center shall receive a minimum amount of funding for each State resident in the previous fiscal year, to be used for operating and capital expenses.

(2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows: