Libraries are funded by the state, 4 counties, and 12 municipalities. State funding goes directly to regional administration. Counties fund all libraries within their own county. County funds make up the majority of funding for all branch libraries. Town and city funds go directly to their branch. All funds are administered by the regional business office. State Aid is determined each year by the Maintenance of Effort Agreements between NWRL and each funding body. The "Aid to Public Libraries Fund" is intended to promote, aid, and equalize public library service in North Carolina.