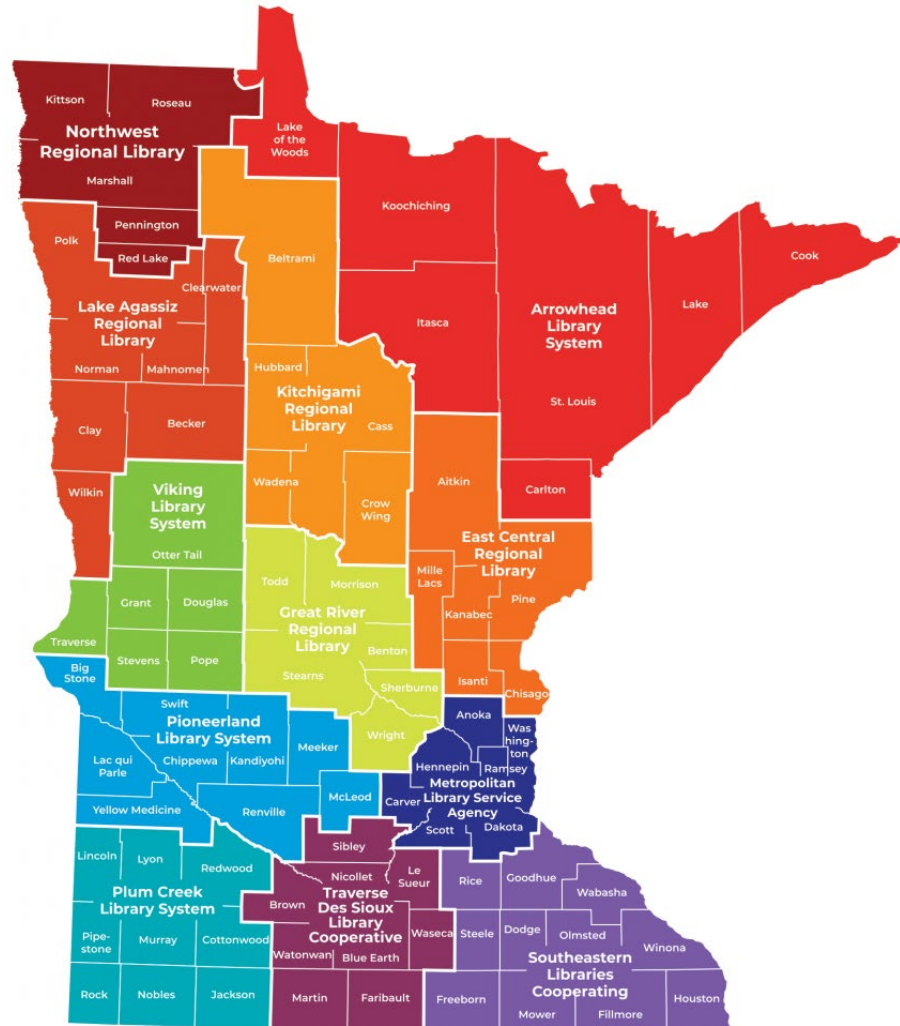




# Governor's Capital Budget Recommendation Library Construction Grants

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# Minnesota's Public Libraries



- 12 regional public library systems with 355 public library locations
- 9 bookmobiles
- At least 1 public library in every county
- 2020 usage:
  - 423,880 open hours
  - 36,287,335 items borrowed
  - 3,935,582 public internet sessions

# 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 \$300,000)
- Requires minimum local match of 50% total project costs
- Competitive peer-review process



Kimball Public Library, 2019 grantee

# Program Data

- Funded 13 times from 1994 through 2020
- Appropriations ranging from \$1M to \$2.951M
- 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



# 2022 Recommendation and Interest



Cloquet Public Library, 2019 grantee

- **2022 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

# Thank You