Request/Question:

What would the additional cost be to maintain the CURRENT level of per capita Library funding?

Response:

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 the Board Adopted $3,414,538 for ongoing General Fund Contribution (GFC), plus $200,000 in one-time funding awarded to the Countywide Library system during FY 2016-17 Budget Hearings for a total of $3,614,538.

Currently, the amount included in the Community Services FY 2017-18 Requested Budget is $3,243,849, a $170,689 reduction from the FY 2016-17 ongoing GFC of $3,414,538.

The cost impact of restoring sufficient funding to meet our historic target level of $7.80 per capita would be $241,489, for a revised total of $3,485,338. This higher amount is comprised of two components: $170,689 to restore the budget to the FY 16/17 dollar value, and $70,800 to account for population growth within the County.

Total County population is 446,717 per California Public Library Certified Report.