

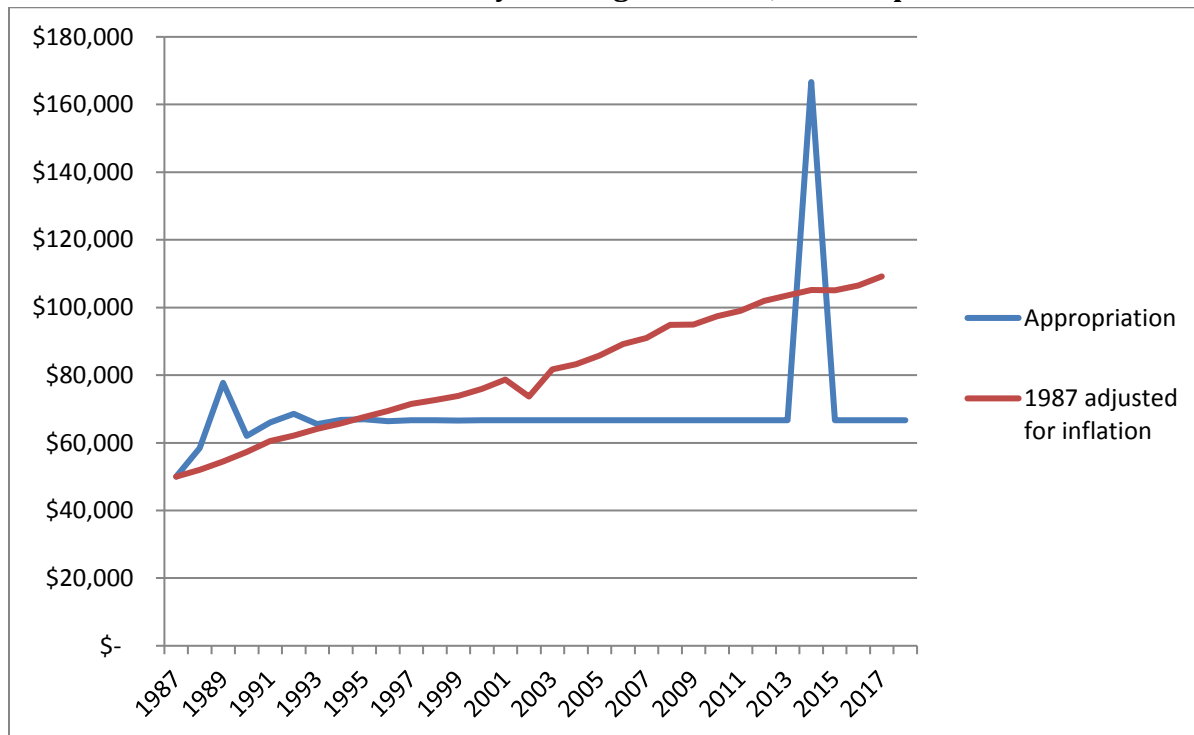
Date: October 13, 2017

To: Milwaukee County Finance and Audit Committee

From: Bruce Gay, Director, Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS)

Re: 2018 Milwaukee County Federated Library System County funding

Milwaukee County Funding for MCFLS, 1987 to present.



The Milwaukee County Federated Library System operates through a mix of state aid, member library cooperation, Milwaukee County funding, and through contract with West Milwaukee. In 2018 MCFLS will no longer receive a Federal LSTA technology grant, which had averaged \$36,000.

	Expenditure	Savings
Requested Budget	\$66,650	\$0
2% Cut	\$65,317	\$1,333
5% Cut	\$63,318	\$3,332

Neither a 2% nor 5% cut in funding will significantly affect MCFLS operations. MCFLS operates through a partnership between many layers of government: Federal grants, state aid, county support, and municipal appropriations. After 30 years of flat county funding and a possible decrease along with the loss of Federal grants, this partnership increasingly is falling to local libraries and their communities.