

MAR Waiver Plan

Starts July 2019

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The following 5-year plan is designed to help municipalities and their libraries meet the Municipal Appropriation Requirement after being granted a waiver. It goes into effect FY2020. July 1, 2019

All libraries requesting waivers, regardless of the number of waivers received in prior years, will be considered “Year 1” filers.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standard MAR waiver application process for all applicants.Disproportionate Cut: Municipalities that reduce the library budget disproportionately (5% or more) in relation to other municipal departments, must appear in person before the Board in January and must submit a financial plan to restore MAR funding as part of its waiver documentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standard MAR waiver application.The municipality must submit a financial plan written in conjunction with library trustees and director. The plan must be signed by the Library Director, Trustee Chairperson, and Senior Municipal Official.At the discretion of the Board, the library and municipality may need to appear at the January Board Meeting. (605 CMR 4.00) This is true for all subsequent years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standard MAR waiver application.The Municipality must submit an updated financial plan that includes details on the progress made towards meeting the MAR, completed and signed by Library Director, Trustee Chairperson, and Senior Municipal Official.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standard MAR waiver application.The Municipality must submit an updated financial plan that includes details on the progress made towards meeting the MAR, completed and signed by Library Director, Trustee Chairperson, and Senior Municipal Official.The MBLC will provide a warning that there is only one year remaining in the five-year plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the Municipality does not meet the MAR, it is invited to apply for a waiver and <i>is required</i> to appear before the Board.The Municipality must provide an updated financial plan.The Municipality and Library are required to provide documentary evidence of a preliminary budget for the upcoming budget cycle that meets the MAR or request a one-year extension, citing evidence of ongoing fiscal hardship.

Questions?

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