

### Dakota County Mandate Recommendation

Libraries			
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comment
Eliminate Library Maintenance of Effort	134.34		Eliminate the requirement that in order to receive state grant a county must budget for library operations an amount equal to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> prior year's level of support unless adjusted net tax capacity decreases. Counties need the ability to respond to changing priorities and needs. When one area of the budget is off limits to reductions, other programs or services and their recipients unfairly bear a disproportionately greater share of any cutbacks when they occur.