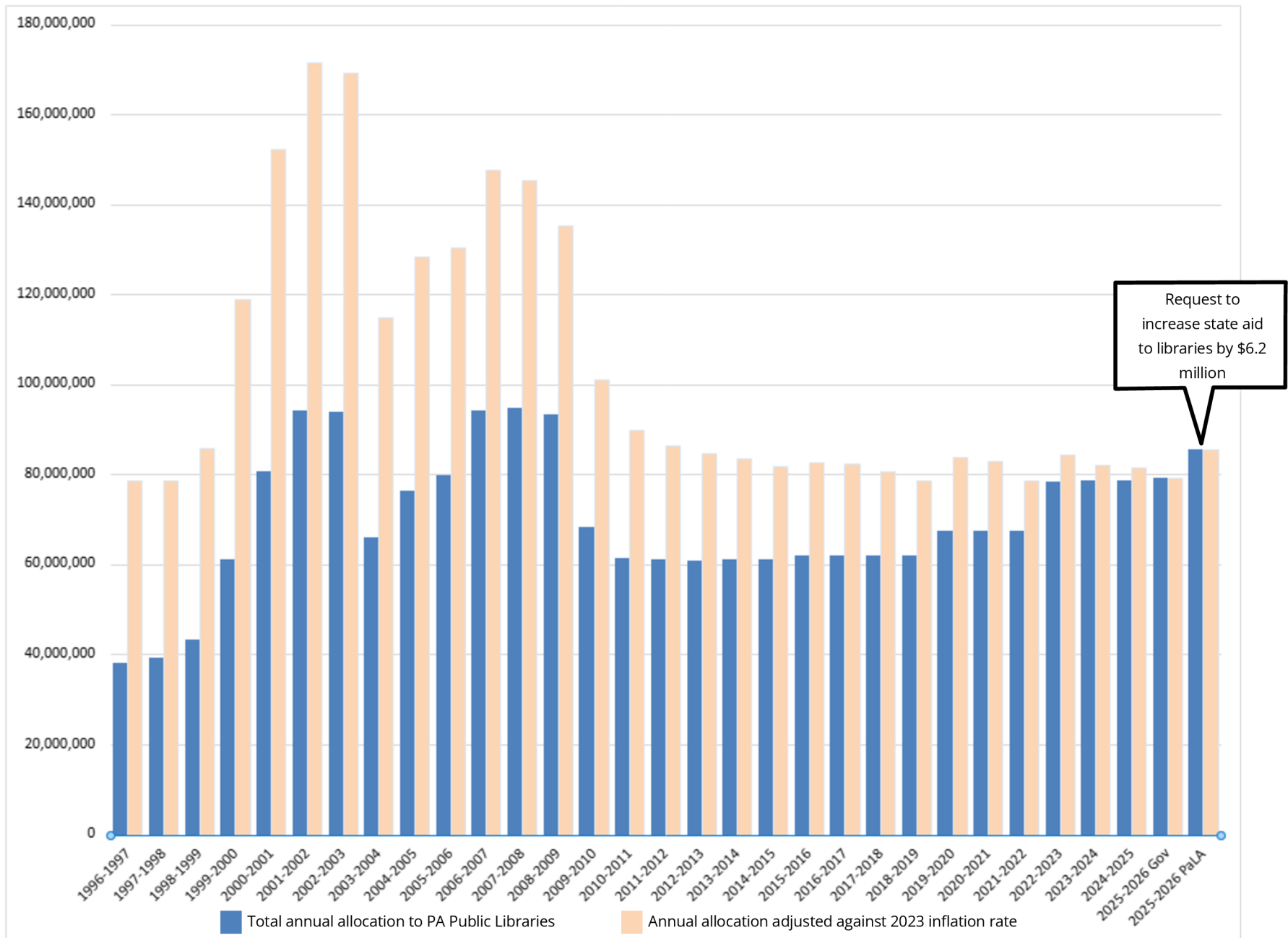


State Aid - Actual and Inflation Adjusted

Funding for public libraries has not kept pace with inflation and has often remained stagnant.¹



Source: Belanger, D., & Alloway, C. (2024). *Service Optimization and Efficiencies Study*. DL Belanger Consulting LLC. <https://tinyurl.com/yclserviceoptimization>.

¹ Inflation adjustment calculated per US Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2025.