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OLCC distributes \$350 million to help fund schools, police and healthcare

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission distributed over \$350 million to Oregon cities; counties; state general fund; as well as mental health, alcohol and drug treatment services in the 2009-2011 biennium, ending June 30, 2011.

Nearly \$199 million dollars went to Oregon's general fund to help pay for critical services like schools, healthcare and first responders. Oregon cities and counties received a combined \$135 million to support their local budgets including important services such as police officers' salaries, or to purchase fire trucks and ambulances.

Sixteen million dollars (50 percent of the taxes on beer and wine) was dedicated solely to supporting Oregon's mental health, alcoholism and drug services programs. Another \$535,000 (two cents per gallon of wine taxed in Oregon) went to Oregon's Wine Board, which helps support Oregon's local wine industry, further enhancing our local economy.

"We're proud to be the third largest revenue source to the general fund," says Steve Pharo, OLCC executive director. "Crucial services like education, corrections and healthcare need all the assistance we can offer."

The money is distributed to cities and counties based on population.

For a detailed list of distributions, please see the summary of allocations
http://oregon.gov/OLCC/allocation_of_liquor_revenue.shtml

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Promoting the public interest through responsible alcohol sales and service.

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$350 million** to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*