



# News Release

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## **OLCC distributes \$194 million to support critical programs like schools, police and healthcare**

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission distributed over \$194 million to Oregon cities, counties, and the state general fund as well as mental health, alcohol and drug treatment services in the last fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. That is an increase of almost \$16 million compared to 2011.

More than \$110 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 \$75 million to support their local budgets including important services such as police officers' salaries, or to purchase fire trucks and ambulances.

Eight 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 \$283,000 (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.

"Cities and counties depend on the \$75 million OLCC distributes to fund police, fire, education and healthcare programs," says Steve Pharo, OLCC executive director. "As well, \$110 million makes a significant impact on the programs supported by Oregon's general fund. OLCC employees work very hard to meet customer demands and provide excellent customer service."

The money is distributed based on a formula established by the Oregon legislature. Distributions to cities and counties are based on population.

For a detailed list of distributions, please see the summary of allocations [http://oregon.gov/OLCC/allocation\\_of\\_liquor\\_revenue.shtml](http://oregon.gov/OLCC/allocation_of_liquor_revenue.shtml)

*"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"*

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$370 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

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