

Commissioner

From: Jackie Bolster
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 2:14 PM
To: Rico Barkell; Valerie Cartwright; Blaine Bradshaw; Commissioner
Cc: marquis.walker@mt.gov
Subject: DNRC contact and information on open burning

Good Afternoon,

I had the pleasure to visit with Marquis Walker with the DNRC this afternoon regarding burn permits in Granite County. Marquis did state that DNRC did not know that Granite County had moved into no open burning at the time a permit was issued.

I did let Marquis know that Granite County will keep DNRC informed if there are any changes in fire restrictions and they will follow the decisions of the Granite County Commissioners. Marquis did tell me that Deer Lodge county have not closed open burning and that Powell and Beaverhead Counties have moved into Stage 1 fire restrictions.

Marquis' office number is 406-691-7371 if anyone needs to contact him.

Have a safe 4th of July.

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County Alcohol Tax Guide

The following information is designed to provide guidance on how alcohol tax funds are dispersed and utilized at the county level.

Per 16-1-404(2)(b), MCA, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) receives a portion of the revenue collected from the sale of all liquor products sold in Montana. This 'alcohol tax revenue' is to be used for the 'treatment, rehabilitation, and prevention of alcoholism and chemical dependency.' This is a pass-through as per 53-24-206(3)(b), and funds must be distributed to the counties for use by approved private or public programs.

- Prevention definition from ASAM
 - social, economic, legal, medical, and/or psychological measures aimed at minimizing the use of potentially addicting substances, lowering the dependence risk in susceptible individuals, or minimizing other at first consequences of psychoactive active substance use. Primary prevention consists of attempts to reduce the incidence of addictive diseases and related problems in a general population. Secondary prevention aims to achieve early detection diagnosis and treatment of affected individuals. Tertiary prevention seeks to diminish the incidence of complications of addictive diseases.

Other definitions we utilize as well:

- [MCA 53-24-103](#) Defines prevention further:
 - (11) "Prevention" has meaning on four levels; these are:
 - (a) education to provide information to the school children and general public relating to chemical dependency treatment and rehabilitative services and to reduce the consequences of life experiences acquired by contact with a chemically dependent person;
 - (b) early detection and recovery from the illness before lasting emotional or physical damage, or both, have occurred;
 - (c) if lasting emotional or physical damage, or both, have occurred, to arrest the illness before full disability has been reached;
 - (d) the provision of facility requirements to meet division program standards and improve public accessibility for services.
- ASAM defines: Indicated prevention
 - targets high risk individuals who are identified as having minimal but detectable signs or symptoms foreshadowing mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder prior to the diagnosis of a disorder. Interventions focus on immediate risk and protective factors present in the environment surrounding individuals.

How do the counties get the alcohol tax funds?

DPHHS mails a "Service Provider Designation Form" to each county annually. This form provides the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (BHDD) with the information needed as to which approved substance use programs(s) the county has designated to receive the funds.

Counties have full authority to designate more than one approved provider. † This form is required to be completed each year.

How much Alcohol Tax is directed to the counties?

The payment amounts are determined based on formula and are made over three equal installments throughout the state fiscal year. (53-24-206(3)(b)(i) & (ii) MCA)

1st Distribution is in November (covers July, Aug, Sept, Oct)

2nd Distribution is in March (covers Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)

3rd Distribution is in July (covers Mar, Apr, May, June)

If there is additional revenue at the end of the year, a fourth payment is made. Those funds are distributed usually in mid to late-August.

What are counties required to do with the alcohol tax that comes to their county?

The counties must 'pass through' the alcohol tax to the approved private or public program(s) as designated on their "Service Provider Designation Form."

100% of the distribution is to go to the designated provider(s). The county may not use or withhold these funds for any reason.

What if the county does not designate a state approved chemical dependency program to receive the county alcohol tax funds?

The county will not receive a disbursement.

To become a state approved provider:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/BHDD/SubstanceAbuse/ProviderForms>

Per [ARM 37.27.105](#), the provider must:

- (a) have a contract with the department for substance abuse primary prevention services;
- (b) be the Montana Public Health Institute; or
- (c) be a county or tribal public health department.

Once the provider has filled out the application, they can submit to bhddapprovalapps@mt.gov.

How do counties determine the substance abuse prevention and treatment needs in their county for designating the county alcohol tax funds?

Per 53-24-211, MCA, counties are required to submit a four-year county plan to the

DPHHS, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (BHDD), that outlines the prevention and treatment needs.

County plans can be based on other community health need assessments, federal, state and county level data.

For more information regarding the payments, contact Nate Thomas or Danielle Wulfekuhle, Budget Analysts, 406-444-4926 or 406-444-7433.

For more information regarding the county plans and how a provider becomes state approved, contact Cody Magpie, 406-444-9582

Earmarked Alcohol Tax Distribution

Distribution: 3rd Payment FY2025

Distribution Amt: \$850,000.00

Report Date: 6/25/25

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| All Nation Health Center | | | |
| | Missoula | 14% | \$ 11,453.86 |
| | | | Total: \$ 11,453.86 |
| Alliance For Youth | | | |
| | Cascade | 25% | \$ 14,238.95 |
| | Choteau | 5% | \$ 363.04 |
| | | | Total: \$ 14,602.00 |
| Alternatives Inc | | | |
| | Yellowstone | 33% | \$ 36,823.68 |
| | Stillwater | 100% | \$ 7,470.87 |
| | | | Total: \$ 44,294.55 |
| Bear Paw Recovery | | | |
| | Gallatin | 10% | \$ 8,262.22 |
| | Liberty | 100% | \$ 2,523.58 |
| | Hill | 50% | \$ 6,433.66 |
| | | | Total: \$ 17,219.46 |
| Boyd Andrew | | | |
| | Broadwater | 100% | \$ 6,087.83 |
| | Jefferson | 90% | \$ 8,722.19 |
| | Lewis & Clark | 30% | \$ 15,161.93 |
| | | | Total: \$ 29,971.96 |
| Bullhook Community Healthcare | | | |
| | Hill | 50% | \$ 6,433.66 |
| | | | Total: \$ 6,433.66 |
| Butte Cares | | | |
| | Park | 25% | \$ 3,471.50 |
| | Butte Silver-Bow | 20% | \$ 4,766.23 |
| | Jefferson | 10% | \$ 969.13 |
| | Madison | 50% | \$ 4,543.28 |
| | | | Total: \$ 13,750.14 |
| Crystal Creek | | | |
| | Glacier | 50% | \$ 5,717.74 |
| | | | Total: \$ 5,717.74 |
| Cedar Creek Integrated Health | | | |
| | Gallatin | 85% | \$ 70,228.90 |
| | Lake | 85% | \$ 19,187.23 |
| | Missoula | 14% | \$ 11,453.86 |
| | | | Total: \$ 100,869.98 |
| Colman Community Service | | | |
| | Lewis & Clark | 5% | \$ 2,526.99 |
| | | | Total: \$ 2,526.99 |
| Community, Counseling & Corrections | | | |
| | Deer Lodge | 100% | \$ 6,761.66 |
| | | | Total: \$ 6,761.66 |
| Choices for Change | | | |
| | Mineral | 50% | \$ 2,157.50 |

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| | | | Total: | \$ 2,157.50 |
| Crosswinds Recovery | | | | |
| | Missoula | 14% | \$ | 11,453.86 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 11,453.86 |
| Dynamic Recovery | | | | |
| | Cascade | 13% | \$ | 7,119.48 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 7,119.48 |
| EMCMHC-CD Unit | | | | |
| | Carter | 100% | \$ | 3,792.32 |
| | Custer | 85% | \$ | 9,376.22 |
| | Daniels | 100% | \$ | 2,284.89 |
| | Dawson | 50% | \$ | 3,873.96 |
| | Fallon | 50% | \$ | 1,672.36 |
| | Garfield | 100% | \$ | 4,988.33 |
| | McCone | 100% | \$ | 3,425.23 |
| | Phillips | 100% | \$ | 7,247.58 |
| | Powder River | 100% | \$ | 3,970.54 |
| | Prairie | 100% | \$ | 2,222.80 |
| | Richland | 75% | \$ | 6,791.07 |
| | Roosevelt | 100% | \$ | 8,855.79 |
| | Rosebud | 75% | \$ | 7,171.04 |
| | Sheridan | 100% | \$ | 3,770.79 |
| | Treasure | 100% | \$ | 1,341.83 |
| | Valley | 100% | \$ | 9,223.50 |
| | Wibaux | 100% | \$ | 1,363.05 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 81,371.31 |
| Florence Crittenton | | | | |
| | Lewis and Clark | 20% | \$ | 10,107.96 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 10,107.96 |
| Ft Belknap Health Services | | | | |
| | Blaine | 100% | \$ | 8,138.60 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 8,138.60 |
| Frontier Counseling | | | | |
| | Mineral | 50% | \$ | 2,157.50 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 2,157.50 |
| Healing Homes Counseling | | | | |
| | Missoula | 14% | \$ | 11,429.82 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 11,429.82 |
| Intermountain | | | | |
| | Lewis and Clark | 30% | \$ | 15,161.93 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 15,161.93 |
| Leland Crawford Counseling | | | | |
| | Glacier | 50% | \$ | 5,717.74 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 5,717.74 |
| L'Esprit | | | | |
| | Park | 25% | \$ | 3,471.50 |
| | | | Total: | \$ 3,471.50 |
| Many Rivers Whole Health | | | | |
| | Cascade | 50% | \$ | 28,477.91 |
| | Choteau | 95% | \$ | 6,897.82 |
| | | | \$ | - |
| | Pondera | 100% | \$ | 5,334.64 |
| | Teton | 100% | \$ | 6,084.86 |

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| | | | Total: | \$ | 46,795.23 |
| Meadowlark Counseling | | | | | |
| | Wheatland | 50% | | \$ | 1,272.85 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 1,272.85 |
| Misfits | | | | | |
| | Cascade | 13% | | \$ | 7,119.48 |
| | Toole | 100% | | \$ | 4,956.50 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 12,075.98 |
| Missoula City County Health | | | | | |
| | Missoula | 14% | | \$ | 11,453.86 |
| | | | | \$ | 11,453.86 |
| OneHealth | | | | | |
| | Bighorn | 100% | | \$ | 12,618.30 |
| | | | | \$ | - |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 12,618.30 |
| Oxytocin | | | | | |
| | Lincoln | 100% | | \$ | 17,036.73 |
| | Flathead | 100% | | \$ | 76,503.38 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 93,540.11 |
| Prairie Hills Recovery Center | | | | | |
| | Dawson | 50% | | \$ | 3,873.96 |
| | Fallon | 50% | | \$ | 1,672.36 |
| | Richland | 25% | | \$ | 2,263.69 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 7,810.01 |
| Rimrock | | | | | |
| | Yellowstone | 33% | | \$ | 36,823.68 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 36,823.68 |
| SCMRMHC-Journey | | | | | |
| | Carbon | 100% | | \$ | 8,980.16 |
| | Fergus | 100% | | \$ | 11,276.40 |
| | Golden Valley | 100% | | \$ | 1,556.13 |
| | Judith Basin | 50% | | \$ | 1,487.97 |
| | Musselshell | 100% | | \$ | 4,967.20 |
| | Petroleum | 100% | | \$ | 1,789.57 |
| | Sweetgrass | 100% | | \$ | 4,004.95 |
| | Yellowstone | 34% | | \$ | 37,939.55 |
| | Wheatland | 50% | | \$ | 1,272.85 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 73,274.79 |
| Southwest MT Addiction Recovery & Treatment | | | | | |
| | Butte Silver-Bow | 80% | | \$ | 19,064.90 |
| Southwest CD (Park Co) | | | | | |
| | Beaverhead | 40% | | \$ | 4,434.41 |
| | Park | 50% | | \$ | 6,943.01 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 11,377.42 |
| Starr Addiction Services | | | | | |
| | Beaverhead | 60% | | \$ | 6,651.61 |
| | Ravalli | 25% | | \$ | 8,128.65 |
| | Gallatin | 5% | | \$ | 4,131.11 |
| | Madison | 50% | | \$ | 4,543.28 |
| | Meagher | 100% | | \$ | 3,371.98 |
| | Powell | 100% | | \$ | 6,559.01 |
| | | | Total: | \$ | 33,385.65 |

Stepping Stone Behavioral Health

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| Missoula | 14% | \$ | 11,453.86 |
| Total: | | \$ | 11,453.86 |

Two Rivers Wellness

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| Custer | 15% | \$ | 1,654.63 |
| Rosebud | 25% | \$ | 2,390.35 |
| Total: | | \$ | 4,044.98 |

Western MT Mental Health Center/WMAS

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|---------------|------|----|------------------|
| Lake | 15% | \$ | 3,385.98 |
| Missoula | 14% | \$ | 11,453.86 |
| Ravalli | 75% | \$ | 24,385.95 |
| Sanders | 100% | \$ | 11,068.39 |
| Total: | | \$ | 50,294.18 |

Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch

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| Judith Basin | 50% | \$ | 1,487.97 |
| | | \$ | 1,487.97 |

Youth Dynamics

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| Park | 0% | \$ | - |
| Total: | | \$ | - |

YWCA

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| Lewis and Clark | 15% | \$ | 7,580.97 |
| Total: | | \$ | 7,580.97 |

Zenith View LLC

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| Granite | 100% | \$ | 3,756.04 |
| Total: | | \$ | 3,756.04 |

Grand Total: \$ 850,000

Ashley Todd

From: MACO <MACO@mtcounties.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 1:11 PM
To: MACO
Subject: 2025 PILT Payments - Montana Receives \$46,566,449
Attachments: current-pilt-payments-and-historical-payments.xlsx

Commissioners, Clerk & Recorders, Treasurers, and Road Supervisors,

The 2025 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments for each county are listed below [as well as here](#). Montana received \$46,566,449. The press release is included at the bottom of this email.

Attached is our spreadsheet with the current and historical data.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

| COUNTY | PAYMENT | TOTAL ACRES |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY | \$647,452 | 219,232 |
| BEAVERHEAD COUNTY | \$1,120,452 | 2,053,971 |
| BIG HORN COUNTY | \$21,760 | 42,111 |
| BLAINE COUNTY | \$1,319,424 | 451,750 |
| BROADWATER COUNTY | \$909,745 | 289,754 |
| CARBON COUNTY | \$1,555,497 | 574,821 |
| CARTER COUNTY | \$296,685 | 593,732 |
| CASCADE COUNTY | \$659,536 | 215,692 |
| CHOUTEAU COUNTY | \$515,376 | 155,618 |
| CUSTER COUNTY | \$1,137,963 | 332,472 |
| DANIELS COUNTY | \$681 | 200 |
| DAWSON COUNTY | \$102,192 | 63,953 |
| FALLON COUNTY | \$57,916 | 115,901 |
| FERGUS COUNTY | \$1,611,711 | 484,334 |
| FLATHEAD COUNTY | \$4,001,549 | 2,442,368 |
| GALLATIN COUNTY | \$2,402,882 | 732,899 |
| GARFIELD COUNTY | \$281,664 | 814,900 |
| GLACIER COUNTY | \$1,363,032 | 401,839 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY | \$98,615 | 31,715 |
| GRANITE COUNTY | \$509,307 | 708,215 |
| HILL COUNTY | \$161,171 | 47,558 |
| JEFFERSON COUNTY | \$1,716,693 | 553,991 |
| JUDITH BASIN COUNTY | \$358,338 | 309,919 |

Interior Department Announces \$644.8 Million in Payments to Support Vital Services in Communities

Program provides funds to communities that support the nation's public lands and waters; invests in firefighting, policing, education, and road construction

Date: June 24, 2025

Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Interior today announced that more than 1,900 state and local governments across the country will receive a total of \$644.8 million in Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT) funding for 2025. Because local governments cannot tax federal lands, annual PILT payments help defray the costs associated with maintaining important community services.

PILT payments are made for tax-exempt federal lands administered by Interior's bureaus, including the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition, PILT payments cover federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission. Payments are calculated based on the number of acres of federal land within each county or jurisdiction, and the population of that area.

"The Trump administration is committed to empowering local communities and ensuring that the federal government is a strong partner, not an obstacle," said **Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum**. "PILT payments support vital services that help rural counties and towns thrive, from public safety to infrastructure and education. We recognize that local governments are the backbone of our nation, and we will continue working to support their efforts to grow local economies and serve their citizens."

Since PILT payments began in 1977, the Department has distributed more than \$12.6 billion to states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Department collects more than \$20.7 billion in revenue annually from commercial activities on public lands. A portion of those revenues is shared with states and counties. The balance is deposited into the U.S. Treasury, which in turn pays for a broad array of federal activities, including PILT payments.

Individual payments may vary from year to year as a result of changes in acreage data, which are updated annually by the federal agency administering the land; prior-year federal revenue-sharing payments reported annually by the governor of each state; and inflationary adjustments based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

A full list of funding by State and county is available on the Department's [Payments in Lieu of Taxes](#) page.

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