## OLCC distributes more money this year, thanks to distilled spirits sales

During fiscal year 2002-03, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) allocated \$5.7 million in liquor revenue to Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties and their 37 incorporated cities.

OLCC distributed \$111.75 million statewide during the 12-month period, up about \$7.5 million from \$104.21 million in 2001-02. This was partially due to an increase in distilled spirits sales. June's statewide share was \$4.76 million. Another \$3 million went to the general fund in June under provisions of HB 4013, passed during the 2002 Legislature.

OLCC revenue is generated from the sale of distilled spirits in 238 liquor stores, taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees, and fines for liquor l a w v i o l a t i o n s. During the year, the OLCC pumped \$60.12 million into the general fund, including \$2.35 million in June.

The distribution formula is set by law with10 percent to counties, 20 percent to cities, 56 percent to the state general fund, and 14 percent for the state's city revenue sharing account.

During 2002-03, Oregon's 239 incorporated cities received \$20.4 million and the 36 counties got \$10.2 million (\$840,590 and \$420,295 respectively in June). The distribution is based on the most recent Oregon Dept. of Education population figures. The city revenue sharing account netted \$14.28 million for the fiscal year (\$588,413 in June).

Half the taxes on wine and malt beverages, \$6.56 million, went to the state Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services for drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and treatment activities. The other half was counted as gen-

eral revenue.

The Oregon Wine Advisory Board received \$199,101 from a special 2cent tax on wine imported or made here (\$15,627 in June). The fund is used for research and promotion of Oregon wine.

OLCC collects privilege taxes of \$2.60 a 31gallon barrel for malt beverages, 67-cents a gallon for table wine, and 77cents a gallon for dessert wine.

During fiscal year

2002-03, the following was received: Josephine County, pop. 77,650, \$225.881: Cave Junction. \$12,038; Grants Pass, \$206,655. Jackson County, pop.187,600, \$544,538; Ashland, \$173,549; Butte Falls, \$3,822; Central Point, \$120,251; Eagle Point, 49,782; Gold Hill, \$9,441; Jacksonville, \$20,551; Medford, \$569,181; Phoenix, \$37,850; Rogue River, \$16,114; Shady Cove, \$21,100; Talent, \$48,169.

