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Use of Alcohol Sales Tax Dollars by Local and Tribal Health Departments

Historically, alcohol sales tax dollars in Montana were not available for public health departments. Recent legislative changes now allow county and tribal health departments to become a state approved provider and utilize alcohol sales tax dollars allocated to your county for prevention of substance use disorders. [37.27.105: STATE APPROVED PROGRAMS, PREVENTION PROVIDERS, REQUIREMENTS - Administrative Rules of the State of Montana \(mt.gov\)](#)

Why would our health department be interested in this?

Substance use is a rising concern identified within Community Health Needs Assessments across Montana. Public health is situated to facilitate coordinated efforts for prevention and early intervention.

How to apply to become a state approved prevention provider?

If your community has gaps in prevention for substance use disorders, your county or tribal health department may be interested in becoming a state approved prevention provider. County commissions have the authority to decide how these funds are allocated within their jurisdiction. For that reason, it is advised to start this effort by engaging your community and county commissioners before submitting your application to build consensus and develop a plan. Review the Montana Behavioral Health Continuum of Care to consider your strategies at [prevention \(mt.gov\)](#).

Information on applying to become a state approved substance use disorder prevention provider can be found at [Provider Forms \(mt.gov\)](#). See the State Provider Approval Forms for Prevention dropdown.

What can alcohol sales tax dollars be used for?

- Transportation costs related to prevention, treatment and recovery if not covered by an insurance plan
- Food
- Cellular devices
- Community education
- Family events for individuals with a substance use disorder
- Youth events to provide information regarding substances
- Temporary housing
- Assessment and educational services targeting individuals at risk for developing substance use disorders
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
- Driving under the influence/while intoxicated programs

Where do I get more information?

For more information on becoming a state approved provider, go to: [Provider Forms \(mt.gov\)](#). You can also contact Cody Magpie, LAC who is the Substance Use Disorder Program Officer at DPHHS. Cody can be reached at Cody.Magpie@mt.gov or by phone at 406-444-9582.

