Special Alcohol Fund
Fund 213 - SPECIAL ALCOHOL

Revenue Sources - Descriptions and Trends

Revenue Source: Under K.S.A. 79-41a04, cities receive 70% of the funds collected by the state from clubs or drinking establishments located within the city, from caterers whose principal places of business are in the city, or from temporary permit holders whose events are located in the city. These moneys are allocated evenly between the city’s general fund, special recreation fund, and special alcohol fund. Moneys in this Special Alcohol Fund must be used for the "purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of services or programs whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers". Charter Ordinance #33 establishes these criteria for the disbursement of funds in the Special Alcohol Fund.

Trends: This fund continues to see annual increases in the total receipts collected by the state via the liquor tax. However, the state legislature has discussed the past few years the idea of reducing or eliminating this sharing of liquor tax revenue in light of the state’s budget woes and shrinking revenue from other sources. Lobbying by the municipalities, state and local parks/recreation organizations and others has assisted in keeping the current law intact.
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Expenditures - Descriptions and Trends

Contractual Services - Per Section I, Article 14 of the City Code, the Special Alcohol Advisory Board reviews all applications for funding and makes recommendations to the City Commission during the annual budget process. The following Agencies were approved for funding in 2004:

- DCCCA $72,563
- DCCCA (First Step) $26,500
- DCCCA Coordinator $18,105
- Headquarters $20,200
- Hearthstone $6,400
- KU $29,000
- USD 497 $53,180
- Visitation Center $7,000
- Van Go Mobile Arts $22,000
- Haskell Foundation $10,800
- Bert Nash (WRAP program) $115,700
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters $27,500
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital $33,900
- Boys & Girls Club $52,000
- Unallocated $81,152

It was clear during the deliberations by the Advisory Board that these Agencies, as many others dealing with social issues, were feeling the pinch from revenue shortfalls from other sources, particularly at the state level. The economic slowdown nationwide was also discussed as a trend affecting the philanthropic habits of the community.