Revenue Sources - Descriptions and Trends

Revenue Sources: 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: Historically, this fund has seen annual increases in the total receipts collected by the state via the liquor tax. The 2006 budget conservatively estimates a revenue level that is slightly less than actual 2004 revenue. The state legislature has continued to discuss the idea of reducing or eliminating this sharing of liquor tax revenue in light of the state's budget woes. Lobbying by the municipalities, state and local parks/recreation organizations and others has assisted in keeping the current law intact.