

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ALCOHOL FUND



1 in 5 deaths among U.S. adults ages 20-49 is from excessive alcohol use. In this age group, New Hampshire has the 12th highest rate of alcohol-attributable deaths.

The Alcohol Fund provides an innovative, fiscally responsible, common-sense approach to address a real need in New Hampshire.

History of the Alcohol Fund

Financed through the revenues generated through liquor sales in New Hampshire, the Alcohol Abuse, Prevention & Treatment Fund ("Alcohol Fund") was established in law in 2000. The intent behind the creation of the Alcohol Fund was to direct 5% of gross profits of alcohol sales to substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery. It is administered through the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

How Much is Five Percent?

Year over year, the NH Liquor Commission announces record-breaking sales and revenue. In 2023, the New Hampshire Liquor Commission (NHLC) generated \$756.7 million in revenue from alcohol sales. Five percent of gross profits for the 26 and 27 state operating budget year are estimated at \$10.7 million. However historically, legislature has diverted or underfunded the Alcohol Fund since the law's inception in 2003.

Fully Funded AT LAST!

Thanks to extensive advocacy efforts, the New Hampshire legislature **voted to fully fund** the Alcohol Fund in its proposed 24/25 operating budget for the first time since it launched more than 20 years ago!

After 2025, there is no promise of continued funding.

Currently Funded Programs

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION

- Direct Substance Misuse Prevention Programs
- Student Assistance Programs
- Home Visiting and Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences

TREATMENT, CRISIS & ACCESS

- Family Support Services
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services
- Medication Assisted Services
- Workforce Development

RECOVERY

- Recovery Support Centers
- Community Housing for Criminal Justice Involved Individuals
- Harm Reduction Services

Complete list of funded programs is available

To ensure New Hampshire remains committed to prevention, treatment and recovery, policymakers need to:



Utilize the Alcohol Fund for the intended purpose of supporting Governor's Commission prevention, treatment, and recovery contracted programs and services.



Continue to fund the Alcohol Fund - 5% of liquor gross profits - \$10.7 million in 2026 and 2027.