

Fact Sheet

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES:

Gambling Revenues in British Columbia

In fiscal 2015/16, BCLC delivered \$1.3 billion in net income to the province of British Columbia. BCLC's net income contribution is a vital portion of the provincial budget which helps fund health care, education and important services and programs across the province. Over 31 years, BCLC has generated more than \$19 billion in net income to fund provincial, municipal and charitable programs in B.C.

Revenues:

DISTRIBUTION	2015/16
Total net income	\$1,304.0 million
Distribution to Government of Canada	9.5 million
Distribution to Government of B.C.	887.5 million
Health Special Account	147.2 million
Charitable and community organizations	134.9 million
Host local governments	95.1 million
Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch	13.3 million
Horse racing purse enhancements	10.3 million
Development Assistance Compensation	9.8 million
Responsible Gambling strategies	5.9 million

Host Local Governments:

- The Province shares gaming revenue with local governments that host casinos and community gaming centres in B.C.
- The calculations for these payments are done in accordance with the Host Financial Assistance Agreement between the province of B.C. and each local government.
- \$95.1million was disbursed among 33 Host Local Governments (HLG). These host governments decide how to allocate resources.
- Municipalities that host gaming facilities receive a 10 per cent share of net gaming income which is paid after commissions and BCLC operating expenses are deducted. HLG payments can fluctuate based on local market conditions, variations in operating costs and accounting adjustments.

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Support of Community Programs – Community Gaming Grants:

- In 2015/16, the province distributed \$134.9 million to charitable and community organizations.
- Gaming grants are delivered to non-profit organizations throughout B.C. to support arts and culture, sports for youth and people with a disability, public safety, human and social services, parent advisory councils, and district parent advisory councils.

Retailers and Service Providers:

- Business partnerships with lottery retailers and service providers play an important role in providing service to customers across the province.
- BCLC gaming facility service providers operate over 12,900 slot machines in casinos across the province.
- There are over 3,800 lottery retailers across the province.
- Approximately 37,000 people are employed through BC's gambling industry.
- In 2015/16, lottery players won more than \$636 million in prizes.

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