



The chart above shows Montana's lottery net profit distributions by fiscal year (FY), derived from ticket sales, sales agent license fees, and unclaimed prizes.

Distribution

After paying prizes, ticket costs, commissions and other operating costs, profits are transferred to other funds according to the current statutorily defined distribution, ([MCA, 23-7-402](#)).

1987-1994

The Montana Lottery was established in 1987, with profits going towards the Office of Public Instruction. In 1995, profits were redirected to the general fund through SB 83, to simplify state revenue allocations. For more info on fund transfers please view [this brochure from the LFD](#).

STEM Scholarships

Starting in FY 2016, the general fund transfer will be capped, and all excess funds will be transferred to the Montana STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) scholarship program special revenue account.