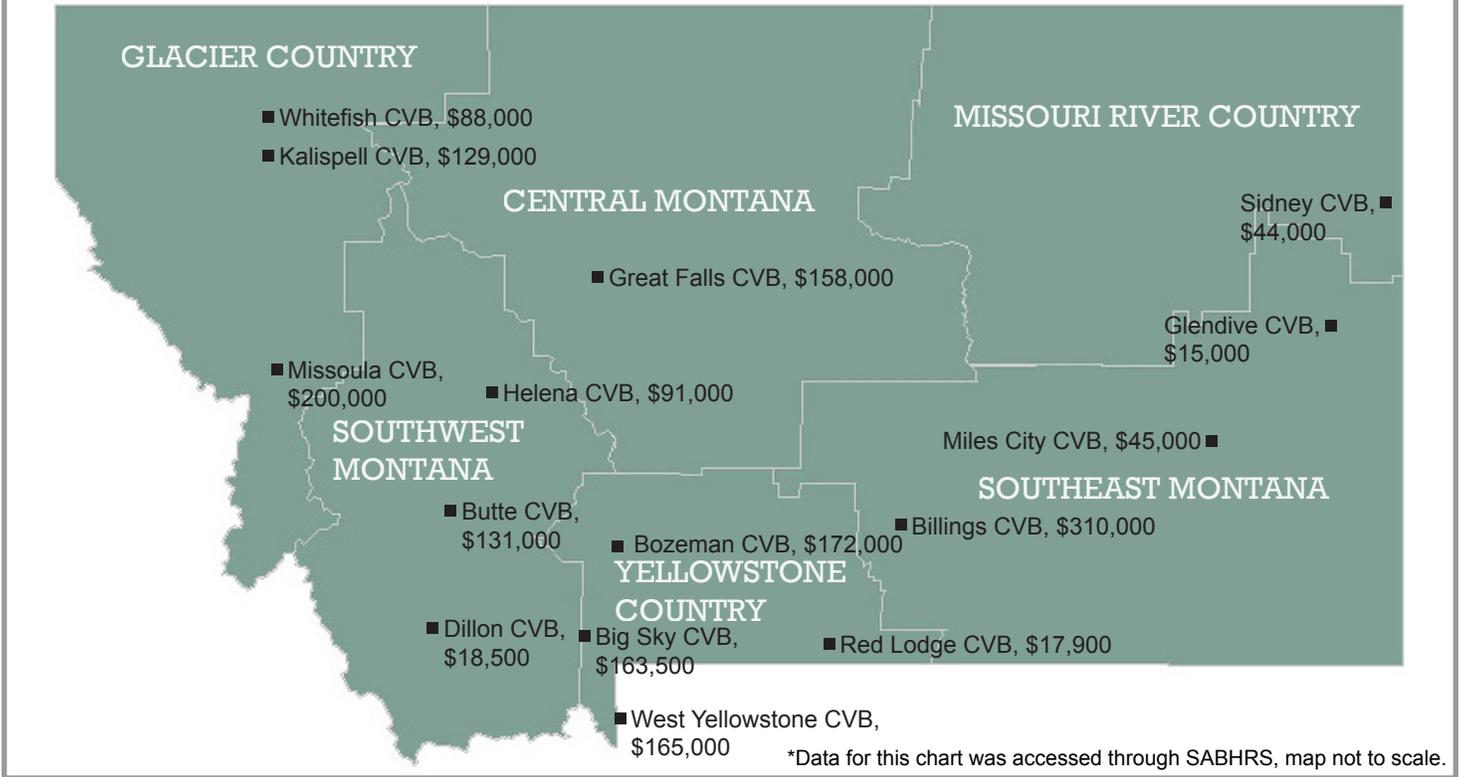


Lodging and Facility Use Tax Distribution to Regions and CVB's



The above map shows funds distributed in fiscal year (FY) 2015 from the Lodging and Facility Use Tax. The funds are broken up between nonprofit tourism regions and convention and visitor bureaus (CVB's), which promote tourism in their areas.

Lodging Facility Use Tax

The 4% Lodging Facility Use Tax is used to fund tourism and film promotion in the state. After set disbursements are made to the Department of Revenue and the Montana Heritage Commission, tourism regions and CVB's receive 22.5% of the remaining funds. Our previous Chart of the Week has more information to the Lodging and Facility Use Tax, [which can be found here](#).

Regions & CVB's

The tourism regions and convention and visitor bureaus marketing plans are submitted and annually approved by the Department of Commerce's Tourism Advisory Council. Tourism regions received \$4.0 million and convention and visitor bureaus received \$1.7 million in FY 2015.

Distribution of Tax Proceeds

State law (15-65-121, MCA) requires the tax to be distributed to regional nonprofit tourism corporations in the ratio of the proceeds collected in each tourism region to the total proceeds collected statewide. FY 2015 payments to tourism regions are as follows:

- Glacier Country: \$1,346,400
- Yellowstone Country: \$1,241,000
- Southeast Montana: \$485,000
- Southwest Montana: \$371,000
- Missouri River Country: \$308,000
- Central Montana, \$286,000

If proceeds are collected within the limits of a city, consolidated city-county, resort area, or resort area district and exceed \$35,000, a portion of regional proceeds are distributed to the CVB in that area.