

Do you know how traffic fine revenue is allocated?

The distribution of fines collected for non-criminal traffic violations is governed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). One key factor in determining how a traffic fine is distributed is whether the court handling the matter is a circuit, justice, or municipal court. Another key factor is which law enforcement agency employs the enforcement officer who issued the traffic citation.

The table below shows how fines are distributed in violation proceedings involving non-criminal traffic offenses. Please note that the distribution rules for fines paid in criminal proceedings involving traffic offenses differ. Also, The City of North Bend does not operate a municipal court.

Agency / Court	Circuit (ORS 153.640)	Justice* (ORS 153.645)	Municipal* (ORS 153.650)
State	100% to the state.	50% to the state and 50% to the county where the court is located.	50% to the state and 50% to the city where the court is located.
County	50% to the county that employs the enforcement officer and 50% to the state.	100% to the county in which the court is located.	50% to the local government that employs the enforcement officer and 50% to the city where the court is located.
City	50% to the city that employs the enforcement officer and 50% to the state.	50% to the local government that employs the enforcement officer and 50% to the county where the court is located.	50% to the local government that employs the enforcement officer and 50% to the city where the court is located.

* With limited exceptions described in the cited ORS sections, the last \$16 of a fine collected by a justice or municipal court must be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located. If the total amount of the fine is not collected, then the \$16 is reduced by \$1 for every dollar that is not collected.