

## **Liquor Excise Tax board faces a decline in funding**

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The Liquor Excise Tax board has been struggling, Curtis Hayes, city attorney, said during the Gallup city council meeting on June 26.

Projected revenue is down to \$1.2 million, nearly \$400,000 less than the previous year. Gallup Detox will have a priority on the available funds, with \$300,000 being set aside for the Community Service Aid.

This decline in revenue was theorized to be credited to either fewer people paying taxes or perhaps drinking less, the board said. The audience data is pending, but will be available at a later date.

The LET for the 2019 fiscal year allocated \$835,000 in revenue for The Detox and Shelter Care Center Administration and Operations Service Agreement.

The task force will come up to an agreement as to how additional funds will be distributed.

The two items pertaining to the LET were approved with a 5-0-0 vote.

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