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### Senate GOP doubles Rooms and Meals Revenue to NH towns

Concord, NH — Cities and towns across New Hampshire have seen their annual share of Rooms and Meals Revenue more than double since Republican Senators boosted the formula five years ago:

Total Rooms and Meals Distributions, which went out to local treasuries last week, topped \$140 million this year, up 104% from where previous Legislatures had capped the revenue sharing program.

Sen. Denise Ricciardi (R-Bedford) led the charge to increase the local share from the Meals and Rooms Tax in 2021, and her bill was incorporated into that year's state budget bill. The local share had been capped at \$68 million per year. In the five years since the GOP-backed change, cities and towns have received an additional \$285 million over and above the capped amount.

“Because Sen. Ricciardi and the Republican Caucus increased revenue sharing, we’ve sent \$285 million more to local property taxpayers,” said Sen. President Sharon Carson. “That’s money that should be going to lower local property tax rates, if local officials can exercise fiscal discipline.”

Meals and Rooms Taxes are collected at every restaurant and hotel in the state and distributed on a per capita basis to New Hampshire municipalities. Under the formula pushed by Senate Republicans, cities and towns now receive 30% of net revenues. The funds were deposited in local accounts last week.

“I am proud to have pushed the Senate to restore revenue sharing in the budget, and allowed cities and towns to benefit from the growth of New Hampshire’s economy,” added Ricciardi.

Attachments-

NH Treasury- [FY 2026 Meals and Rooms Tax Distributions](#)

FY 2020-26 Meals and Rooms Distribution

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