

**WAC 246-296-010 Purpose and scope.** The purpose of this chapter is to:

(1) Establish a funding program for public water system infrastructure improvements that increase a public water system's ability to provide safe and reliable drinking water and improve public health protection;

(2) Establish eligibility criteria for public water systems to receive funding including, but not limited to, proper operation, management, and maintenance consistent with federal DWSRF capacity requirements;

(3) Provide additional financial assistance to eligible disadvantaged communities;

(4) Provide DWSRF loans in response to an emergency;

(5) Use a portion of the EPA capitalization grant for set-aside activities according to federal law;

(6) Establish that sound financial practices and ongoing oversight are in place to manage the DWSRF in perpetuity;

(7) Establish requirements for public water systems to receive a DWSRF loan including, but not limited to, planning requirements; being resource efficient, sustainable, and environmentally sound;

(8) Establish requirements for public water systems to receive a DWSRF loan in response to an emergency; and

(9) Establish the responsibilities of the department for administering the DWSRF loan program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.119A.170 as amended by 2016 c 111. WSR 16-14-086, § 246-296-010, filed 7/5/16, effective 8/5/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.119A.170. WSR 16-06-100, § 246-296-010, filed 3/1/16, effective 4/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.119A.170 and Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, H.R. 1452. WSR 12-01-077, § 246-296-010, filed 12/19/11, effective 2/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.119A.170. WSR 01-21-137, § 246-296-010, filed 10/24/01, effective 11/24/01.]