

Chapter 240-10 WAC
STATE EMPLOYEE COMBINED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PROGRAM

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WAC 240-10-010 Committee established. (1) In accordance with RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230 and in order to implement Executive Orders EO 84-13 and EO 84-15 a committee is established to conduct a single, annual, consolidated effort to secure funds for distribution to agencies engaged in charitable and public health, welfare and service purposes.

(2) The committee shall be known as the Washington state employee combined fund drive committee.

(3) The committee shall be composed of not more than eight state employees appointed by the governor for three year terms, except that the terms of those first appointed shall be staggered with two persons appointed for one year, three persons appointed for two years, and three persons appointed for three years, as determined by the governor. The members shall be selected from the following groups:

- (a) One member from an employee organization;
- (b) One member from the legislative branch;
- (c) One member from the judicial branch;
- (d) Three members from state agencies;
- (e) Two members from higher education.

(4) The committee shall elect a chairperson annually, and such other officers as may be needed.

(5) Members of the committee shall serve without additional salary, but shall be reimbursed by their employing agencies for travel, lodging and meals in accordance with state law and regulations.

(6) The committee shall be a policy committee which shall organize and effect one solicitation effort each year.

(7) The committee shall establish standards and criteria for participation in the fund drive. (WAC 240-10-040 and 240-10-050.)

(8) The committee shall annually print and distribute an application form which agencies shall use to apply for participation in the fund drive.

(9) The committee shall evaluate each application, based on its criteria, and determine which agencies engaged in charitable and public health, welfare and social service purposes shall participate in one annual combined effort to secure funds from state employees through payroll deduction or other payment method.

(10) The committee may establish departmental combined fund drive coordinators, local combined fund drive coordinators, local campaign steering committees and local campaign managers to assist in the fund drive.

(11) The department of personnel shall provide the administrative support for the operation of the committee.

(12) All costs such as printing of brochures, preparation of slide presentations, and other promotional costs shall be the responsibility of those organizations designated to participate in the dis-

tribution of all funds collected. In circumstances where promotional costs cannot be associated with an individual charitable service organization, the costs shall be shared in a percentage relating to the total funds distributed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 86-08-070 (Order 86-1), § 240-10-010, filed 4/1/86; WSR 86-02-015 (Order 85-2), § 240-10-010, filed 12/23/85.]

WAC 240-10-020 Purposes. (1) The following rules are promulgated to implement a payroll deduction plan for the efficient, long-term collection of voluntary employee contributions to qualifying charitable, human health and welfare organizations. By establishing a uniform policy toward charitable fund raising efforts among state employees, the state hopes to encourage generosity in voluntary financial support for the charitable services of the qualified organizations.

(2) The intent of these regulations is to:

(a) Lessen the burdens of government and of local communities in meeting the needs of human health and welfare;

(b) Provide a convenient channel through which state employees may contribute to the efforts of the qualifying voluntary health and welfare organizations providing services in the community or region where the employees live and work and overseas;

(c) Minimize both the disruption of the state work place and the costs to taxpayers that multiple charitable fund drives have caused; and

(d) Ensure that recipient agencies are fiscally responsible in the uses of the moneys so raised.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 86-02-015 (Order 85-2), § 240-10-020, filed 12/23/85.]

WAC 240-10-030 Definitions. (1) Committee - The Washington state employee combined fund drive committee described in WAC 240-10-010.

(2) State employee combined fund drive campaign - An arrangement by which the committee provides one or more other participating organizations with the opportunity to receive funds contributed to them in the annual campaign, based on their compliance with the regulations herein.

(3) Participating organization - A health and welfare agency whose application has been accepted by the committee.

(4) Annual campaign - The once-a-year period of organized solicitation of state employees conducted annually to obtain voluntary contributions from state employees for charitable commitments to be allocated during the ensuing year of contributions.

(5) Year of contributions - The annual calendar year for collection of the voluntary payroll deductions for charitable contributions authorized by state employees pursuant to these regulations. The normal, full annual calendar year shall begin with January and end with the ensuing December.

(6) Health and welfare agency - The terms "voluntary agency," "voluntary health and welfare agency," "voluntary charitable agency," and "voluntary charitable health and welfare agency" mean an organization that is organized and operated for the purpose of rendering, or

of materially or financially supporting the rendering of, one or more of the following services for the benefit of human beings:

- (a) Delivery of health care to ill or infirm individuals;
 - (b) Education and training of personnel for the delivery of health care to ill or infirm individuals;
 - (c) Health research for the benefit of ill or infirm individuals;
 - (d) Delivery of education, training, and care to physically and mentally handicapped individuals;
 - (e) Treatment, care, rehabilitation, and counseling of juvenile delinquents, criminals, released convicts, persons who abuse drugs or alcohol, persons who are victims of intra-family violence or abuse, persons who are otherwise in need of social adjustment and rehabilitation, and the families of such persons;
 - (f) Relief of victims of crime, war, casualty, famine, natural disasters, and other catastrophes and emergencies;
 - (g) Neighborhood and community-wide social services that directly assist needy, poor, and indigent individuals, including provision of emergency relief and shelter, recreation, transportation, the preparation and delivery of meals, educational opportunities, and job training;
 - (h) Protection of families that, on account of economic or other need, poverty, indigence, or emergency, are in long-term or short-term need of family, child-care, and maternity services, child and marriage counseling, foster care, and guidance or assistance in the management and maintenance of the home and household;
 - (i) Relief of needy, poor, and indigent infants and children, and of orphans, including the provision of adoption services;
 - (j) Relief of needy, poor, and indigent adults and of the elderly;
 - (k) Delivery of services or assistance that conserve, protect, or restore the environment;
 - (l) Delivery of services or assistance to threatened or endangered species;
 - (m) Delivery of services in the performing, visual, literary and media arts.
- (7) Local presence - Demonstration of direct and substantial presence in the local campaign community:
- (a) The availability of services, such as examinations, treatments, inoculations, preventive care, counseling, training, scholarship assistance, transportation, feeding, institutionalization, shelter, and clothing to persons working or residing in the local campaign community.
 - (b) The presence within the local campaign community, or within reasonable commuting distance thereof, of a facility at which services may be obtained, such as an office, clinic, mobile unit, field agency, or direct provider, or specific demonstrable effects of research, such as personnel or facilities engaged therein or specific local applications thereof.
 - (c) The availability to persons working or residing in the local campaign community of communication with the voluntary charitable agency by means of home visits, transportation, or telephone calls, provided by the voluntary agency at no charge to the recipient or beneficiary of the service.
- (8) Overseas - Areas outside of the District of Columbia and the fifty states of the United States.

[Statutory Authority: Executive Order 84-13 and WAC 240-10-010. WSR 99-14-022, § 240-10-030, filed 6/28/99, effective 7/29/99. Statutory Authority: WAC 240-10-010(7) and Executive Order 84-13. WSR 95-09-025, § 240-10-030, filed 4/12/95, effective 5/13/95; WSR 94-01-038, § 240-10-030, filed 12/6/93, effective 1/6/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 87-18-003 (Order 87-1), § 240-10-030, filed 8/20/87; WSR 86-08-070 (Order 86-1), § 240-10-030, filed 4/1/86; WSR 86-02-015 (Order 85-2), § 240-10-030, filed 12/23/85.]

WAC 240-10-040 Basic standards and criteria for agency membership applicable to all agencies. (1) Basic standards.

(a) Federal exemption. Each charitable organization must submit a copy of the Internal Revenue Service determination letter indicating that it is an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3), or is a governmental entity receiving charitable contributions which are entitled to a deduction under Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (c)(1). An advance ruling on its exempt status shall meet this requirement.

(b) Registration and reporting. Each charitable organization shall have registered as a charitable organization with the secretary of state under the provisions of chapter 19.09 RCW (charitable solicitations) and with the attorney general under the provisions of chapter 11.110 RCW (charitable trusts) unless specifically exempt from registration by state law, and shall have filed all required reports within any established time limits.

(c) Integrity of operations. Each charitable organization must have at least a minimal history of service and demonstrate a real capability to serve. Funds contributed to charitable organizations by state employees must be used for their announced purposes. There shall be no payment of commissions for fund-raising, no mailing of commercial merchandise, and no paid general telephone solicitors.

(d) Finances. The charitable organization must use standards of accounting and a financial system based on generally accepted accounting principles which includes accounting procedures that would be acceptable to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The committee may require an independent audit by a certified public accountant. The charitable organization must conduct its fiscal operations in accordance with a detailed annual program budget which is prepared and approved at the beginning of each fiscal year by the board of directors. Prior authorizations by the board of directors shall be required for any significant variation from the approved budget. The committee may require that the charitable organization prepare and make available to the general public an annual financial report.

(e) Nondiscrimination. The charitable organization shall have a policy and procedure of nondiscrimination in regard to race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, age, or sex applicable to persons served by the charitable organization.

(f) Annual reports. The charitable organization shall prepare an annual report available to the general public which includes a full description of the charitable organization's activities including types of solicitation for contributions, the names of its chief administrative personnel, and a full disclosure of the source and use of contributions.

(g) Agency organization. The charitable organization must maintain an active volunteer board of directors, serving without compensation through regular meetings and exercising satisfactory administrative controls in accordance with the agency's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and, preferably, standards adopted by its national or state affiliate.

(h) Fund-raising costs. Each organization shall disclose to the committee the estimated percentages of the money collected which will be applied to the cost of solicitation and to the charitable purpose. The information thus provided will be disclosed to state employees during the campaign.

(i) Application deadline. Completed applications must be received before the closing date established annually by the committee.

(2) Criteria.

(a) Service programs. Each charitable agency must have a substantial local presence in a Washington state community with a history of providing programs aimed toward direct services, research, and education in an effort to meet human health, welfare, or social service needs within a Washington state community: Provided, That voluntary charitable health and welfare agencies whose services are rendered exclusively or in substantial preponderance overseas, and that meet all the criteria set forth except for the requirement of direct and substantial presence in the local campaign community, shall be eligible for agency membership; and each must be able to comply with integrity and other applicable standards that such services are indeed provided.

(b) Participation in eligible federations.

(i) No charitable organization may participate in more than one eligible federation (umbrella organization) in a county.

(ii) No charitable organization may participate both individually and as a member of an eligible federation (umbrella organization) within a county.

(iii) Applications submitted on behalf of eligible federations (umbrella organizations) shall include a certification that all participating constituent agencies meet the basic standards and criteria, and agree to comply with rules and regulations as set forth by the committee.

[Statutory Authority: WAC 240-10-010(7) and Executive Order 84-13. WSR 95-09-025, § 240-10-040, filed 4/12/95, effective 5/13/95; WSR 92-19-082, § 240-10-040, filed 9/15/92, effective 10/16/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 87-18-003 (Order 87-1), § 240-10-040, filed 8/20/87; WSR 86-08-070 (Order 86-1), § 240-10-040, filed 4/1/86; WSR 86-02-015 (Order 85-2), § 240-10-040, filed 12/23/85.]

WAC 240-10-050 Required characteristics of eligible federations (umbrella organizations). In addition to meeting the requirements set out in WAC 240-10-040, each federated organization (umbrella organization) must demonstrate the following:

(1) Scope. It is representative of its constituent parts. While it may not accept responsibility for the exact nature of program objectives and administrative and financial procedures of its affiliates, it must be in a position to affirm that the operations and fund-raising of its affiliates comply with the standards and criteria set out in WAC 240-10-040.

(2) It has good will and acceptability within this state, including ability to demonstrate a well recognized service to or in behalf of citizens of this state: Provided, That voluntary charitable health and welfare agencies whose services are rendered exclusively or in substantial preponderance overseas, and that meet all the criteria set forth except for the requirement of direct and substantial presence in the local campaign community, shall be eligible for agency membership.

(3) It has sufficient volunteers or staff, or both, to contribute to the organization and conduct of the Washington state employee combined fund drive and has at least six months of prior operation within this state.

(4) It has registered and been approved under chapter 19.09 RCW (Charitable solicitations).

(5) It has at least five organizational members.

(6) It adheres to high standards in services, management and public accountability as required by the standards and criteria set out in WAC 240-10-040.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 86-02-015 (Order 85-2), § 240-10-050, filed 12/23/85.]

WAC 240-10-055 Determination of eligibility—Procedure for reconsideration. Using the information supplied under this chapter and the standards set forth in WAC 240-10-040 and 240-10-050, the committee will determine which agencies and which federated organizations are eligible to participate in annual state employee combined fund drive campaigns. Any agency or federated organization determined not to be eligible may, within fifteen days after receiving notice of non-eligibility, request reconsideration in writing, submitting responsive materials relating to the noneligibility notice in support of the request at the same time. The committee will duly reconsider the eligibility of the requesting agency or federated organization and will issue written notice of its final decision on eligibility within thirty days of receiving the request. Any decision on reconsideration will be a final determination of eligibility.

For the purposes of this section, any written requests or notices will be presumed to be received no more than three business days after mailing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 86-08-070 (Order 86-1), § 240-10-055, filed 4/1/86.]

WAC 240-10-057 Decertification and disqualification. (1) Once approved for participation, any health and welfare agency or federated organization may be decertified and disqualified from participation in the state employee combined fund drive campaign by majority vote of the committee for any one or more of the following reasons:

(a) Failure to comply with the rules contained in this chapter;

(b) Filing an application to participate in the state employee combined fund drive campaign which contains false or intentionally misleading information;

(c) An annual contribution pledge from an annual campaign of two hundred fifty dollars or less.

(2) Any decertified health and welfare agency or federated organization shall be disqualified from participating in the next state employee combined fund drive campaign.

(3) The committee may order that the annual net estimated contribution for any health and welfare agency or federated organization receiving an annual pledge of two hundred fifty dollars or less in an annual campaign may be made in a lump sum at the end of the year of contributions.

(4) Any health and welfare agency or federated organization decertified under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section shall have any further payment of contributions terminated. The committee shall determine the method of disbursement of any future payments originally pledged in an annual campaign to such health and welfare agency or federated organization.

(5) Any decertified health and welfare agency or federated organization may request reconsideration of the committee's action using the procedures described under WAC 240-10-055.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 87-18-003 (Order 87-1), § 240-10-057, filed 8/20/87.]

WAC 240-10-060 Qualifications for local campaign manager. In selecting a local campaign manager, the local steering committee must assess the following qualities of an applicant to determine the applicant's capability to manage a successful charitable campaign:

(1) The local manager shall demonstrate the administrative and financial capability to manage and operate a fund-raising campaign with integrity and in an efficient manner yielding contributions comparable to those made by state employees in the past.

(2) The local manager shall demonstrate that a broad base of community support has been established within the state and demonstrate continuing positive relationships with a significant number of the state's charitable organizations.

(3) The local manager shall demonstrate the ability to effectively promote and publicize a charitable fund-raising campaign among the state employee work force.

(4) The local manager shall demonstrate the ability to give guidance to, train, and supervise volunteer solicitors and other state employee volunteers in the campaign.

(5) The local manager shall demonstrate the ability to publish and distribute informational literature and other material relative to the programs of participating agencies in a fair and equitable manner.

(6) The local manager shall demonstrate a history of integrity, and a direct and substantial presence in the local (or regional) community.

(7) The local manager shall demonstrate the intent to cooperate fully with the local steering committee and with state officials.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.04.035, 41.04.036 and 41.04.230. WSR 86-02-015 (Order 85-2), § 240-10-060, filed 12/23/85.]