

WAC 118-66-020 Purpose and priorities. (1) These rules define the purposes for which available state 911 account moneys may be expended, consistent with the eligibility requirements, criteria, and priorities of RCW 38.52.540 and 38.52.545.

(2) RCW 38.52.540 authorizes the establishment of a state 911 account in the state treasury to be used only for the following purposes:

(a) To procure, fund, and manage the statewide 911 emergency communications system network; and

(b) To purchase goods and services that support the counties and Washington state patrol public safety answering points in providing 911 baseline level of service statewide; and

(c) To assist the counties and Washington state patrol public safety answering points to provide 911 emergency communications systems and associated administrative, and operational costs; and

(d) To acquire 911 hardware, software, and technology appropriate to support a 911 emergency communications system, 911 emergency communications training, and public education; and

(e) To support the statewide coordination and management of the 911 emergency communications system; and

(f) For modernization needs of the 911 emergency communications system as defined in RCW 38.52.010.

(3) RCW 38.52.545 specifies rules defining the purposes for which available state 911 moneys may be expended in which the state 911 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the 911 advisory committee, must consider needs necessary to provide a baseline level of service by individual counties and their designated Washington state patrol public safety answering points. Priorities are available for 911 emergency communications system funding are as follows:

(a) To procure, fund, and manage the statewide network and supporting services, and assure that 911 dialing is operational statewide; and

(b) To assist counties and Washington state patrol public safety answering points to provide 911 emergency communications systems and associated administrative and operational costs as necessary to assure they can achieve a baseline level of service for 911 operations; and

(c) To assist counties and their designated Washington state patrol public safety answering points to acquire 911 hardware, software, and technology to support a 911 emergency communications system baseline level of service.

(4) The state 911 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the 911 advisory committee, is authorized to enter into statewide agreements to improve the efficiency of 911 services for all counties and to specify by rule the additional purposes for which moneys, if available, may be expended from the state 911 account.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.520. WSR 24-13-025, § 118-66-020, filed 6/7/24, effective 7/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.540 and 38.52.545. WSR 11-03-004, § 118-66-020, filed 1/5/11, effective 2/5/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.540. WSR 03-10-014, § 118-66-020, filed 4/25/03, effective 7/1/03.]