

WAC 118-66-020 Purpose and priorities. (1) These rules define the purposes for which available state enhanced 9-1-1 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 enhanced 9-1-1 account in the state treasury to be used only for the following purposes:

(a) To support the statewide coordination and management of the enhanced 9-1-1 system;

(b) For the implementation of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 statewide;

(c) For the modernization of enhanced 9-1-1 communications systems statewide; and

(d) To help supplement, within available funds, the operational costs of the statewide enhanced 9-1-1 emergency communications system, including:

(i) Adequate funding of counties to enable implementation of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service; and

(ii) Reimbursement of radio communications service companies for costs incurred in providing wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service pursuant to negotiated contracts between the counties or their agents and the radio communications service companies.

(3) RCW 38.52.545 provides that the rules defining the purposes for which available state enhanced 9-1-1 funds may be expended must consider the base needs of individual counties for specific assistance, and establishes the following expenditure priorities for such funds:

(a) To assure that 9-1-1 dialing is operational statewide;

(b) To assist counties as necessary to assure they can achieve a basic service level for 9-1-1 operations; and

(c) To assist counties as practicable to acquire items of a capital nature appropriate to modernize 9-1-1 systems and increase 9-1-1 effectiveness.

(4) The state enhanced 9-1-1 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the enhanced 9-1-1 advisory committee, is authorized to enter into statewide agreements to improve the efficiency of enhanced 9-1-1 services for all counties and to specify by rule the additional purposes for which moneys, if available, may be expended from the state enhanced 9-1-1 account.

[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.]