Chapter 136-150 WAC
ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS

WAC 136-150-010 Purpose and authority. RCW 36.79.140 sets forth the conditions under which counties are eligible to receive funds from the rural arterial trust account (RATA). This chapter describes how these provisions will be implemented by the county road administration board.

WAC 136-150-020 Implementing the eligibility requirement. The county road administration board will ascertain the amount of the total road levy or transfer of road funds fixed in each county and the amount diverted, if any, for any services to be provided in the unincorporated area of the county in accordance with RCW 36.33.220.

WAC 136-150-021 Ascertaining the road levy. The county road administration board will require that every county legislative authority submit, no later than February 1st of each year, a certification showing the amount of the road levy fixed and the amount, if any, budgeted for traffic law enforcement and/or any other purpose in accordance with RCW 36.33.220.

WAC 136-150-022 Ascertaining the expenditures for traffic law enforcement. In those counties in which diverted road levy or transfer of road funds has been budgeted for traffic law enforcement, the county sheriff shall submit a certification showing the actual expenditure for traffic law enforcement in the previous budget year, provided that counties with a population of less than eight thousand shall be exempt from this requirement.

WAC 136-150-023 Ascertaining the expenditures for fish passage barrier removal. In those counties in which road funds have been used for removal of barriers to fish passage and accompanying streambed and stream bank repair as specified in RCW 36.82.070, the county engineer shall submit a certification showing that activities related to the removal of barriers to fish passage performed beyond the county right of way did not exceed twenty-five percent of the total costs for activities related to fish barrier removal on any one project, and that the total annual cost of activities related to the removal of barriers to fish passage performed beyond the county rights of way did not exceed one-half of one percent of the county's annual road construction budget.

WAC 136-150-030 Identifying eligible counties. All counties with a population of less than eight thousand shall be eligible to receive RATA funds. Counties with a population greater than eight thousand shall be eligible to receive RATA funds only if, during the immediately preceding calendar year:

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(1) The actual expenditures for traffic law enforcement have been equal to or greater than either the amount of the diverted road levy budgeted for traffic law enforcement or the amount of road funds transferred to current expense to fund traffic law enforcement;

(2) The amount of county road funds used beyond the county right of way for activities clearly associated with removal of fish passage barriers that are the responsibility of the county did not exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of activities related to fish barrier removal on any one project and the total cost of activities related to fish barrier removal beyond the county right of way did not exceed one-half of one percent of the county's total annual road construction budget;

(3) All road funds that have been transferred to other funds have been used for legitimate road purposes;

(4) Revenues collected for road purposes have been expended on other governmental services only after authorization from the voters of that county under RCW 84.55.050; and

(5) County road levy funds have been expended in accordance with chapter 36.82 RCW.

(WAC 136-150-040) Constraint of contract execution. The county road administration board shall not execute a contract with any county for any RAP project unless the appropriate certifications have been submitted and unless the county has been identified as being eligible to receive RATA funds.

(WAC 136-150-050) Certification required. The contract between the county road administration board and a county relative to a RAP project shall contain a certification signed by the county executive or chair of the board of county commissioners, as appropriate, that the county is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(WAC 136-150-060) Post audit penalty. Every RAP project shall be subject to final examination and audit by the state auditor. In the event such an examination reveals an improper certification on the part of a county relative to compliance with provisions of this chapter, the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the county road administration board and may be cause for the board to withdraw or deny the certificate of good practice of that county. The board may also require that all or part of the RATA funds received by the county be returned to the county road administration board.