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**STATE DEATH INVESTIGATIONS ACCOUNT ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

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RISDICTIONS FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF MULTIPLE DEATHS**

**WAC 218-10-005 Authority.** This chapter is adopted pursuant to chapter 142, Washington Laws of 1999, relating to the authority of the forensic investigations council to prescribe rules governing the disbursement of funds to local jurisdictions to assist them in the investigation of multiple deaths involving unanticipated, extraordinary, and catastrophic events, or involving multiple jurisdictions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.103.090 (1)(d). WSR 03-22-012, § 218-10-005, filed 10/24/03, effective 12/1/03.]

**WAC 218-10-010 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the procedures governing all applications for state death investigations account assistance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.103.090 (1)(d). WSR 03-22-012, § 218-10-010, filed 10/24/03, effective 12/1/03.]

**WAC 218-10-015 Definitions.** (1) "**Death investigation budget**" shall mean the local jurisdiction's appropriation into the coroner or medical examiner budgets for the determination of cause and manner of death.

(2) "**Local jurisdiction**" shall mean a city, town, or county of the state of Washington.

(3) "**Multiple deaths involving multiple local jurisdictions**" shall mean that the deaths occurred in two or more geographically distinct local jurisdictions.

(4) "**Unanticipated**" shall mean an event having a disproportionate fiscal impact, relative to the local jurisdiction's death investigation budget and which cannot be reasonably foreseen in the normal budget process.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.103.090 (1)(d). WSR 03-22-012, § 218-10-015, filed 10/24/03, effective 12/1/03.]

**WAC 218-10-020 Eligibility standards.** (1) Only the following investigations are eligible for funding assistance:

- (a) Investigations of multiple deaths involving unanticipated, extraordinary, and catastrophic events; or
  - (b) Investigations of multiple deaths involving multiple local jurisdictions.
- (2) Funding assistance shall be limited to supplementations of the death investigation budget of a local jurisdiction.
  - (3) Funding assistance shall not be used to supplant moneys reasonably available from other state or federal sources.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.103.090 (1)(d). WSR 03-22-012, § 218-10-020, filed 10/24/03, effective 12/1/03.]

**WAC 218-10-025 Application process.** To qualify for consideration and eligibility for assistance from the state death investigations account, the legislative authority of the local jurisdiction shall:

- (1) Submit to the forensic investigations council an application on a form approved by the council; and
- (2) Provide any additional information requested by the forensic investigations council, in order to evaluate the request for assistance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.103.090 (1)(d). WSR 03-22-012, § 218-10-025, filed 10/24/03, effective 12/1/03.]

**WAC 218-10-030 Effective date.** (1) This rule shall take effect on December 1, 2003.

- (2) Funding assistance shall be available only for death investigations that commenced after August 1, 2003.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.103.090 (1)(d). WSR 03-22-012, § 218-10-030, filed 10/24/03, effective 12/1/03.]