

**WAC 260-08-597 Funding to assist the equine industry.** (1) If the commission determines that there are additional funds in its operating account beyond what is needed to fund the continued operations of the commission, the commission may designate up to three hundred thousand dollars of those funds to be used to assist the equine industry. Funds used to assist the equine industry may only be used to help develop the equine industry, maintain or upgrade racing facilities, or assist equine health research. In deciding how to allocate the funds available, the commission will give first consideration to uses that assist the Class C race meets and equine health research. The commission will establish a process for individuals or organizations to request funds.

(2) Available funds may be allocated to fund requests from individuals or organizations, or programs the commission determines support the purposes specified in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The commission has discretion to determine the amount of funding available, identify the programs for which funding will be provided, the amount of funding for each program, and the procedures for distributing funds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 06-15-090, § 260-08-597, filed 7/14/06, effective 8/14/06.]