

# Chapter 118-09 WAC

## CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS

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**WAC 118-09-010 Purpose.** The purpose of this regulation is to establish criteria to be applied by the director of the Washington state department of emergency services in allocating emergency management assistance (EMA) funds to local emergency services organizations of this state for the purpose of carrying out emergency services programs. EMA funds will be allocated in accordance with the federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 and other applicable parts of the Code of Federal Regulations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.160. WSR 84-01-022 (Order 118-09), § 118-09-010, filed 12/9/83. Formerly WAC 118-10-010.]

**WAC 118-09-020 Definitions.** (1) Administrative expenses mean necessary emergency management expenses required for the proper and efficient administration of the emergency management program of a local government emergency services organization.

(2) Personnel expenses mean necessary emergency management expenses for personnel on the staffing pattern of a local emergency services organization including but not limited to salaries, wages, and supplementary compensation and fringe benefits for such personnel. Such expenses must be supported by job descriptions, payroll records, and time distribution records to be kept on file by the local emergency services organization.

(3) Program paper means the same as "program paper" as defined by WAC 118-08-030.

(4) Comprehensive emergency operations plan means the same as "comprehensive emergency operation plan" as defined by WAC 118-02-030.

(5) State director means the director of the Washington state department of emergency services.

(6) Emergency services organization means the same as emergency services organization as defined by WAC 118-06-030.

(7) Review board shall mean a committee of four persons appointed by the director; three persons from the state department of emergency services and the president of the Washington state association of emergency services directors.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.160. WSR 84-01-022 (Order 118-09), § 118-09-020, filed 12/9/83. Formerly WAC 118-10-020.]

**WAC 118-09-030 EMA funds eligibility criteria.** Local emergency services organizations in the state of Washington will be eligible for EMA funds if the following criteria

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are met prior to the beginning of the one-year period for which the funds are sought:

(1) The local emergency services organization for which EMA funds are sought shall have a current comprehensive emergency operations plan or schedule for plan development or maintenance approved by the state director.

(2) The director/coordinator of the emergency services organization for which EMA funds are sought shall be a full-time or part-time employee of the organization.

(3) The emergency services organization shall have an approved program paper in accordance with WAC 118-08-060.

(4) Local emergency services organization personnel must be hired and appointed in accordance with local merit system rules and regulations that are commensurate with federal guidelines.

(5) If a local emergency services organization receiving EMA funds fails to meet the requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this section, the state director shall withhold from the recipient any EMA funds for the balance of the federal fiscal year. The funds thus withheld shall be reallocated on a percentage basis to those emergency services organizations that have met the requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.160. WSR 84-01-022 (Order 118-09), § 118-09-030, filed 12/9/83. Formerly WAC 118-10-030.]

**WAC 118-09-040 Distribution of EMA funds.** (1) From the total amount of EMA funds allocated for distribution to local emergency services organizations, the director may withhold up to five percent of the funds for discretionary distribution to emergency services organizations that meet EMA funds eligibility criteria after the beginning of the one-year period for which EMA funds are available. These discretionary moneys will be distributed on a percentage basis to local emergency services organizations that became eligible during the one-year period for which EMA funds are available. If such discretionary funds are exhausted, local emergency services organizations that become eligible for such funds will not receive funds.

(2) Any portion of the withheld percentage of the total EMA fund allocation to local emergency services organizations that has not been distributed by the end of a nine-month period, measured from the beginning of the one-year period for which EMA funds are available, shall be distributed on a percentage basis to those emergency services organizations that have achieved and maintained eligibility in accordance with WAC 118-09-030.

(3) The director shall decide upon and publish by September 1 each year, the beginning and ending dates of the next one-year period for which EMA funds will be available to local emergency services organizations.

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(4) The total amount of EMA funds allocated for distribution to local emergency services organizations, less the percentage withheld by the director (net funds), shall be distributed to eligible local emergency services organizations on a percentage basis up to and including fifty percent of eligible costs. The percentage amount will be determined by the amount of federal funds available each federal fiscal year. The percentage shall be derived by dividing the amount of net funds available by the total of all EMA funds requested by eligible local emergency services organizations. An eligible local emergency services organization shall receive an amount of EMA funds equal to the percentage multiplied by the amount of EMA funds requested.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.160. WSR 84-01-022 (Order 118-09), § 118-09-040, filed 12/9/83.]

**WAC 118-09-050 Appeal and review of EMA funds distribution.** (1) A local emergency services organization may appeal to the director to reconsider the amount of funds distributed to it if the emergency services organization believes that the amount of EMA funds distributed to it is inconsistent with the eligibility criteria. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the director within fifteen calendar days following receipt of notification of the EMA allocation by the local emergency services organization.

(2) The appeal shall set forth the local emergency services organization's reasons for the appeal.

(3) The director shall respond to the local emergency services organization in writing within fifteen calendar days of receipt of the written appeal. The director's response shall uphold or modify the distribution of EMA funds and set forth in writing the reasons for his decision. The decision of the director shall be final.

(4) The director may appoint a review board of four persons to review and recommend a response to an appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.160. WSR 84-01-022 (Order 118-09), § 118-09-050, filed 12/9/83.]