

RCW 46.61.5054 Alcohol violators—Additional fee—Distribution.

(1) (a) In addition to penalties set forth in *RCW 46.61.5051 through 46.61.5053 until September 1, 1995, and RCW 46.61.5055 thereafter, a two hundred fifty dollar fee shall be assessed to a person who is either convicted, sentenced to a lesser charge, or given deferred prosecution, as a result of an arrest for violating RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.504, 46.61.520, or 46.61.522. This fee is for the purpose of funding the Washington state toxicology laboratory and the Washington state patrol for grants and activities to increase the conviction rate and decrease the incidence of persons driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(b) Upon a verified petition by the person assessed the fee, the court may suspend payment of all or part of the fee if it finds that the person does not have the ability to pay.

(2) The fee assessed under subsection (1) of this section shall be collected by the clerk of the court and, subject to subsection (5) of this section, one hundred seventy-five dollars of the fee must be distributed as follows:

(a) Forty percent shall be subject to distribution under RCW **3.46.120, 3.50.100, 35.20.220, 3.62.020, 3.62.040, or 10.82.070.

(b) The remainder of the fee shall be forwarded to the state treasurer who shall, through June 30, 1997, deposit: Fifty percent in the death investigations' account to be used solely for funding the state toxicology laboratory blood or breath testing programs; and fifty percent in the state patrol highway account to be used solely for funding activities to increase the conviction rate and decrease the incidence of persons driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Effective July 1, 1997, the remainder of the fee shall be forwarded to the state treasurer who shall deposit: Fifteen percent in the death investigations' account to be used solely for funding the state toxicology laboratory blood or breath testing programs; and eighty-five percent in the state patrol highway account to be used solely for funding activities to increase the conviction rate and decrease the incidence of persons driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(3) Twenty-five dollars of the fee assessed under subsection (1) of this section must be distributed to the highway safety fund to be used solely for funding Washington traffic safety commission grants to reduce statewide collisions caused by persons driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Grants awarded under this subsection may be for projects that encourage collaboration with other community, governmental, and private organizations, and that utilize innovative approaches based on best practices or proven strategies supported by research or rigorous evaluation. Grants recipients may include, for example:

(a) DUI courts;

(b) Jurisdictions implementing the victim impact panel registries under RCW 46.61.5152 and 10.01.230; and

(c) Pilot programs in King and Spokane counties that are designed for persons with two or more prior offenses in seven years and include evidence-based assessment, enhanced intensive outpatient substance use disorder treatment, monitoring, and, when needed, priority entry into voluntary or involuntary detoxification services or residential substance use disorder treatment, if state funding is provided specifically for this purpose.

(4) Fifty dollars of the fee assessed under subsection (1) of this section must be distributed to the highway safety fund to be used solely for funding Washington traffic safety commission grants to organizations within counties targeted for programs to reduce driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A minimum of three hundred thousand dollars of these grant funds shall support pilot programs in King and Spokane counties that are designed for persons with two or more prior offenses in seven years, as described in subsection (3)(c) of this section.

(5) If the court has suspended payment of part of the fee pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section, amounts collected shall be distributed proportionately.

(6) This section applies to any offense committed on or after July 1, 1993, and only to adult offenders. [2017 c 336 s 13; 2015 c 265 s 32; 2011 c 293 s 12. Prior: 1995 c 398 s 15; 1995 c 332 s 13; 1994 c 275 s 7.]

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 46.61.5051, 46.61.5052, and 46.61.5053 were repealed by 1995 c 332 s 21, effective September 1, 1995.

** (2) RCW 3.46.120 was repealed by 2008 c 227 s 12, effective July 1, 2008.

Finding—2017 c 336: See note following RCW 9.96.060.

Finding—Intent—2015 c 265: See note following RCW 13.50.010.

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