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Today we reached agreement in principle on a plan for the use of the \$26 million remaining from US West's rate case appeal. The parties to this agreement are the WUTC, Public Counsel, AARP, TRACER, and US West. The parties hope to have a final document that can be filed with the court by the end of next week.

Here is how the money would be spent:

	(millions)
E911 upgrade	5.3
Analog carrier projects	3.2
Telemedicine (Inland Northwest)	2.7
Telemedicine (Univ of WA)	1.2
K-20 expansion	5.0
Community voice mail	0.7
CERB	5.0
Unserved areas (Mt. St. Helens and Wilderness Lake)	0.9
Education and outreach	2.0
	26.0

The parties agreed that US West would pay the \$26 million into an interest-bearing escrow account. The money would then be paid from the account as individual projects require the money. The education and outreach money would be maintained by the Seattle Foundation, which would fund specific proposals based on telecommunications-related criteria that we develop. Any money unspent after 18 months would go to the K-20 network.

Thanks for your multiple rounds of feedback on the various proposals. Please let me know if you have any questions.