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**Mike Hilley**  
WCEMS Manger

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Whatcom County Finance Director  
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager  
Re: WCEMS EMT Course Remote Medical Training Contract  
Date: August 31, 2023

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- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County EMS received a training grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) to host two Emergency Medical Technical (EMT) certification classes specifically for the rural and tribal communities in Whatcom County. The \$144,000 grant is oriented to workforce development in the rural/tribal communities and is specific to Whatcom County. The Whatcom County Council has granted the budget authority for this project. This class was originally going to be taught by two local Whatcom County Senior Emergency Medical Services Instructors (SEIs) but had to be postponed due to a lack of instructor availability. A local EMS training group, Remote Medical Training, is available with two instructors to teach this class beginning in early October 2023.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the SAMHSA Rural EMT Grant, 130125.

Rate details:

Custom Training Course, 22 students, 2 instructors: \$53,675.16

Please contact Mike Hilley at (360) 927-1155 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.