

MEMORANDUM



To: Whatcom County Council Members
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
Subject: Interlocal Agreement to recover costs associated with the implementation of Paramedic Unit 75.
Date: July 17, 2023

BACKGROUND:

On March October 4, 2021 Whatcom County Council executed contract number 201711026-2 with the City of Bellingham for the reimbursement of costs associated with the implementation of a 5th Medic Unit at Lynden Fire Station 75. Those costs included the purchase of a new vehicle, and construction upgrades to Fire Stations 3, 4, and 6 which house the Paramedic Units. The reimbursements included the remodeling of living spaces, the purchase of medical equipment and supplies, personal protective equipment, communications, and IT equipment funded by the current Whatcom County Emergency Medical Services (WCEMS) Levy. While these initial costs were captured in the now expired contract, additional costs were incurred as related to delays of purchase due to supply chain issues, overages related to unanticipated increased costs with the vehicle purchase, and lack of contractor availability where this work and purchases were not accomplished in 2021 and 2022. These costs were not previously identified or approved by the County during the implementation phase, however, there was intent to pay for all costs of the implementation of Medic 75.

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT:

The purpose of this contract is to capture unrecovered costs and increased costs incurred by the City of Bellingham Fire Department for those agreed costs that exceed the original contract amounts during the implementation phases.

FUNDING SOURCE:

The WCEMS Levy will pay for the one-time cost associated with the implementation of a Paramedic Unit serving Whatcom County. Additional costs incurred total **\$262,806.22**.

ACTION:

Request authority to enter into the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham Fire Department for the reimbursement of unrecovered costs related to the implementation and placement of M75 at the City of Lynden Fire Station 75.