

WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.
202412029

Originating Department:	Executive
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	Emergency Medical Services
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Mike Hilley EMS Manager
Contractor's / Agency Name:	City of Bellingham Fire Department

Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒
 If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes ☒ No ☐ If No, include WCC: _____
 Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)

Is this a grant agreement? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____

Is this contract grant funded? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Contract Cost Center: 12401006

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No ☒ Yes ☐ If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.

If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.	<input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000.	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days.	<input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
<input type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ 83,781.64 This Amendment Amount: \$ _____ Total Amended Amount: \$ _____	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$40,000 , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies. 4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance. 5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.
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Summary of Scope: _____

This EMS Oversight Board Recommended Agreement is to provide reimbursement to the City of Bellingham Fire Department for the purchase of Personal Protective Clothing described as being free of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (known as PFAS). This agreement provides funds for up to 46 sets of Personal Protective Clothing for Firefighter/Paramedics as an alternative to the traditional firefighter "bunker/turnout gear" while responding to non-firefighting 911 calls.

Term of Contract: January 1, 2025

Expiration Date: December 31, 2025

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: Mike Hilley	Date: 12/03/2024
	2. Attorney signoff: Brandon Waldron	Date: 12/03/2024
	3. AS Finance reviewed: Andrew Tan	Date: 12/10/2024
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related):	Date:
	5. Contractor signed:	Date:
	6. Executive contract review: JLogan	Date: 12/18/2024
	7. Council approved, if necessary: AB2025-016	Date: 1/14/2024
	8. Executive signed: <u>S. Hilley</u>	Date: 2.21.25
	9. Original to Council:	Date:

WHATCOM COUNTY
Emergency Medical Services
800 E Chestnut, Suite 3C
Bellingham, WA 98225



Mike Hilley
WCEMS Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
Re: Contract for Reimbursement; City of Bellingham Fire Department
Date: October 30, 2024

Enclosed is the C#202412029

- **Background and Purpose**

This EMS Oversight Board Recommended Agreement is to provide reimbursement to the City of Bellingham Fire Department for the purchase of Personal Protective Clothing described as being free of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (known as PFAS). This agreement provides funds for up to 46 sets of Personal Protective Clothing for Firefighter/Paramedics as an alternative to the traditional firefighter "bunker/turnout gear" while responding to non-firefighting 911 calls.

Currently, Paramedics routinely wear Personal Protective Equipment (Firefighting Gear) while providing care and treatment on EMS calls. The firefighting protective clothing contains PFAS chemicals that are associated with adverse health risks including cancers, liver and thyroid disease where more than 75% of line of duty deaths are attributed to occupational cancers.

The goal of this project is to reduce the exposure of PFAS chemicals for both the Paramedic and the patients during vehicle extrications, technical rescues and other responses where the traditional firefighter turnout gear is not required.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the EMS Levy Fund, 12401006, not to exceed **\$83,781.64**

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

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Whatcom County Contract

202412029

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Between

**Whatcom County Emergency Medical Services and
the City of Bellingham Fire Department**

The City of Bellingham Fire Department (hereinafter the "**Department**"), a municipal corporation and Whatcom County, through Whatcom County Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter the "**County**"), a municipal corporation, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein, agree as follows:

I. Purpose:

This agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is to reimburse the Department for expenses related to the purchase of Personal Protective Clothing/Equipment free of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyls Substances (PPE/PFAS Free) which is more fully and definitively described in Exhibit A hereto.

1. The maximum consideration for the initial term of this agreement or for any renewal term shall not exceed **\$83,781.64**.
2. The Contract Number set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

II. Background:

1. The EMS Oversight Board is recommending the purchase of PFAS Free PPE in consideration that firefighting turnout gear contains PFAS chemicals. When needed, the firefighting gear is used as Personal Protective Equipment during the course of providing medical care and treatment during vehicle extrications, technical rescues, trauma and cardiac arrest responses. In an effort to reduce the exposure to PFAS chemicals, this PFAS Free PPE will be used when providing care outside the firefighting environment.
2. The 2023-2028 EMS Levy Plan provides funding of among other items that includes PPE, uniforms and equipment used in the delivery of Advanced Life Support services through out Whatcom County.

III. Financial Agreement:

1. This Agreement identifies costs associated with the purchase of (Budget Detail **Exhibit A.**) PFAS Free PPE for up to 46 Firefighter/Paramedics.

IV. Responsibilities of the District:

1. The Department will identify and purchase up to 46 sets of PFAS Free PPE.
2. The Department will invoice the County and provide adequate documentation for the identified cost associated with the purchase of PFAS Free PPE.

V. Responsibilities of the County:

The County shall provide **\$83,781.64** to the Department once the purchase is completed and with the receipt of invoices submitted to the County.

VI. Term of Agreement:

This Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of January 2025 will be deemed completed once payment has been received by the Department and will under no circumstances terminate later than December 31, 2025.

VII. Records Maintenance:

Each party to this Agreement shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence, which relate to the terms of this Agreement. These records shall be subject to inspection, review, or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, State officials so authorized by law, and in the case of the County, the office of the State Auditor.

VIII. Relationship of the Parties:

The parties agree that each is an independent entity operating pursuant to the terms and conditions of this agreement. No agent, employee, or representative of either party shall be deemed to be an agent, employee, or representative of the other party for any purpose unless requested otherwise in writing per the scope of this agreement. Each party shall be solely and entirely responsible for the acts of its agents, employees and representatives during the term of this agreement.


IX. Entire Agreement:

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, commitments, or understandings concerning the matters provided for herein.

X. Authority:

The parties represented and covenant that signatories to this document are authorized agents of their respective agency.

EXECUTED this 11th day of February, 2025, for the CITY OF BELLINGHAM by:


Kim Lund, Mayor


Bill Hewett, Fire Chief

Attest:


Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

Approved as to form:


Office of the City Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY:

Recommended for Approval:

Mike Hilley Approved Electronically
Department Director Date 12.03.24

Approved as to form:

Brandon Waldron 12/03/2024
Prosecuting Attorney Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: Satpal Singh Sidhu 2.21.25
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Budget Exhibit "A"

Cost Per Set (Response Ensemble)	
Jacket, Pants, Belt	1272.95
Boots	398.00
Tax (9.0%)	\$ 150.39
Total Per Set	\$1,821.34

City of Bellingham Paramedics

Paramedics	42
Community Paramedics	2
Medical Supervising Officer	1
Paramedic Training Captain	1
Total Paramedics	46
Cost Per Set	\$1,821.34
Total	\$83,781.64

1. The County shall provide one time funding/reimbursement to the Department to purchase PFAS-free response gear.
2. The Department agrees to purchase this PPE in 2025. The purchase order will be sufficient backup for reimbursement.
3. Exhibit A details the agreed upon amount of funding the County will provide to the Department.