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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: April 9, 2024

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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 \$141,410.00 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. The first of two classes were completed in December 2023 using Remote Medical Training as a sole source provider as related to authorized training centers (commercial) allowed to train in Whatcom County. WCEMS is now scheduling the second class for early May 2024 where the local EMS training group, Remote Medical Training (RMT) is available with two instructors to teach this class in May 2024. WCEMS has 16 students registered for the upcoming class.

Funds from the SAMSHA grant expire in July 2024 where close out reporting will occur in August of 2024.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the SAMHSA Rural EMT Grant, 130125.  
Rate details:  
Custom Training Course, 16 students, 2 instructors:  
\$51,500.95

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