

MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Council Members
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
Subject: Interlocal Agreement for Reimbursing the Costs of Hiring Laterals
Date: November 24, 2021

BACKGROUND:

Whatcom County Council approved budget authority through Ordinance 2021-072 to reimburse Bellingham Fire Department for costs associated with training lateral hires.

This interlocal agreement is between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department to compensate for the preceptor evaluations, salary and wages for up to six Department employees who hire through the lateral paramedic process.

FUNDING SOURCE:

This is funded through the EMS Levy as approved by Council in the biennial budget process.

ACTION:

Request authority to enter into the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department for reimbursement of training costs associated with lateral hires.