

MEMORANDUM



To: Whatcom County Council
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

Subject: Interlocal Agreement/Amendment to Whatcom County Contract No. 201907039

Date: November 10, 2022

BACKGROUND:

The Bellingham Fire Department employs two (2) Community Paramedics serving the City of Bellingham and the smaller communities of Whatcom County. The Community Paramedics are teamed with members of the Ground Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) teams' social workers and case managers who work to reduce 911 use from the most frequent users of the Emergency Medical Services system. This contract extension provides continuation of this service until December 31, 2023 where future program funding will be integrated into the 2023 to 2029 Advanced Life Support contracts set to expire December 31, 2023.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Whatcom County EMS Levy (2023 to 2028 Levy Finance Plan)

ACTION:

Request authority to amend Contract No. 2019070039 in amount of \$419,850.00 per year (2023) for personnel and operational costs for the Community Paramedic program.

Mike Hilley
Whatcom County EMS Manager