

## BLS FUNDING

### BLS CORE SERVICES

The **BLS Core Services Program** provides funding to help cover unanticipated costs that can't be accommodated within an agency's current budget. This money is in excess of agencies' normal BLS allocation.

- Funds may be used for expenditures related to operations, capacity and/or equipment that are incurred outside standard or planned operations.
- **NEW for the 2020-2025 levy span:** Agencies may "save up" and carryforward previous years' funding to pay for larger purchases.
- **NEW for the 2020-2025 levy span:** There is no longer an application to complete. Instead, agencies email the EMS Division outlining how it plans to use the funds; the EMS Division will respond to the agency within a week to confirm the proposed usage meets the program's intent.
- Funding is divided among fire agencies using the current BLS allocation methodology (50% based on assessed valuation and 50%based on call volume).
- Like the BLS allocation, agencies are reimbursed for their expenses, and must submit a complete and accurate BLS Core Services expenditure invoice.

**If you have any questions about the BLS Core Services program**, please contact Helen Chatalas at 206-263-8560 or [Helen.Chatalas@kingcountygov](mailto:Helen.Chatalas@kingcountygov).