

## BLS FUNDING

### MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE (MIH)

**Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH)** programs connect low-acuity and vulnerable EMS clients to the appropriate resources to address their complex needs through alternative response and referral strategies. The region collectively identified extending MIH services to all parts of the King County as a top priority for the 2020-2025 levy span.

- BLS agencies receive funding to provide MIH services. Agencies may choose to run their own program, or partner with other nearby agencies to create a larger effort.
- MIH funding must be used only for MIH services; it is not intended to fund existing BLS, ALS, or fire services
- The funding is a reimbursement, meaning the agency invoices the EMS Division for repayment up to the amount allocated that year. The EMS Division determines and regularly updates guidance on MIH-eligible expenses.
- Agency funding levels mirror those of the BLS allocation, based 50% on assessed valuation (AV) and 50% on call volumes.
- Agencies implementing MIH will support good regional stewardship of the program through close collaboration with the EMS Division and other King County MIH programs at the MIH stakeholder meetings (MIH Network) and by adhering to the MIH Program Guidelines established by the EMS Division.
- **New for the 2020-2025 levy span:** Agencies may carryforward previous year's funding. This can allow for the building up of programs or to set aside funds for larger expenses.

**If you have any questions about the MIH program**, please contact Marlee Fischer at 206-263-6956 or [marfischer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:marfischer@kingcounty.gov).