

BLS FUNDING

BLS BASIC ALLOCATION

The **BLS Basic Allocation** was developed as a way to recognize and support BLS for its significant contribution to the success of the EMS system.

- The allocation is used to help offset costs of providing EMS services. Agencies use the allocation to pay for a variety of EMS-specific (per RCW 84.52.069) items including personnel, equipment and supplies.
- The funding is a reimbursement, meaning the agency invoices the EMS Division for repayment up to the amount available/spent that year.
- Agency funding levels are determined using a formula based 50% on Assessed Valuation (AV) and 50% on call volumes.
- Agencies can invoice the full amount after costs are incurred. For example, an agency that expends an amount equivalent to their total allocation on BLS activities in the first quarter could invoice the full amount in a Q1 invoice.
- Agencies must submit the Basic Allocation expenditure invoice for reimbursement.

If you have any questions about the BLS Basic Allocation, please contact Helen Chatalas at 206-263-8560 or Helen.Chatalas@kingcountygov.