

MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

BLS Subcommittee meeting 7/10/2024

Summary

The BLS Subcommittee reviewed total BLS funding options for the 2026-2031 levy span.

Attendees

Chair: Armondo Pavone, City of Renton
Cynthia Bradshaw, King County EMS Division
Matt Burrow, Bellevue Fire
Helen Chatalas, King County EMS Division
Cat Cotton, City of Snoqualmie
Andrea Coulson, King County Medic One
Lisa Defenbaugh, South King Fire
Chris Drucker, King County EMS Division
Becky Ellis, King County EMS Division
Tom Goff, King County Council
Jason Hammond, King County EMS Division
Steve Heitman, Renton RFA
Vic Kave, City of Pacific
Ben Lane, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Doug McDonald, Eastside Fire & Rescue
Amy Moorhead, Redmond Fire
Kelly O'Brien, King County EMS Division
Eric Perry, City of Renton
Michele Plorde, King County EMS Division
Josh Pratt, Kirkland Fire
Tom Rea, King County EMS Division
Harold Scoggins, Seattle Fire
Brad Thompson, Valley RFA
Aaron Tyerman, Puget Sound RFA
Matt Vinci, Vashon Island Fire
Todd Wollum, Shoreline Fire
Rose Young, King County EMS Division

Issues discussed:

BLS funding

Overview:

The regional Medic One/EMS levy provides BLS agencies with funding to help offset the costs of providing EMS services. Agencies receive funding via the BLS Basic Allocation as well as through the BLS-specific programs of BLS Core Services, BLS Training & Quality Improvement, and Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH).

The BLS Subcommittee is responsible for determining the BLS Allocation and programmatic funding levels for the next levy span, and how the funding will be distributed among the BLS agencies. The Subcommittee agreed upon a distribution methodology for all funding at its June 6th meeting, but still must decide upon a total BLS funding level for the 2026-2031 levy span.

Discussion:

BLS funding level: The EMS Division prepared five scenarios of possible funding levels for Subcommittee review. These options ranged from a 30% increase over 2020-2025 funding levels (which is the Preliminary Status Quo funding level) to a 50% increase over 2020-2025 levels. Subcommittee members requested that a breakdown showing how the different funding options would impact agencies' annual funding levels be developed and shared prior to making any decisions.

BLS Basic Allocation and MIH funding levels: Also discussed was how any increase in funding should be distributed to the different BLS programs – whether it should be added to the BLS Basic Allocation, the MIH program, or split between the two. It was proposed that the EMS Division run the 3rd option (Option C) with different distribution percentages between the Basic Allocation and MIH for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Next steps:

The EMS Division will prepare documents showing individual agency funding levels under Option C and different funding distribution percentages between the Basic Allocation and MIH for Option C. **These will be reviewed and discussed at the August meeting.**

Next Meeting

NEW DATE:

August 15, 2024: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

NEW LOCATION:

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057

The Subcommittee will review different BLS funding level options for the 2026-2031 levy span.

7/10/2024 BLS Subcommittee meeting
2026-2031 Medic One/EMS levy planning

Reports from
Other
Subcommittees
- ALS

6/12/24 ALS SUBCOMMITTEE

Discussed ALS service to the Skykomish region, changes to the ALS allocation, and 2026-2031 ALS program "Initial Proposed" Financial Plan.

Decisions made:

1. Continue contract with Sno County FD #26 (Sky Valley Fire) for ALS service to Skykomish.
2. Move forward with the 2026-2031 "Initial Proposed" Financial Plan.
3. Cancel July 17th meeting.

Reports from
Other
Subcommittees –
**REGIONAL
SERVICES**

6/20/24 REGIONAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

Reviewed proposed Strategic Initiatives for the 2026-2031
levy span:

- VPSI → ECHO
- AEIOU → PRIME
- STRIVE → ongoing Regional Service
- NEW Emergency Medical Dispatch SI
- KCFCA proposals for DEI/ERSJ and Mental Wellness

Decisions made:

1. Move forward with the proposed Strategic Initiatives
2. Move forward with the "Initial Proposed" Financial Plan
3. Cancel July 23rd meeting

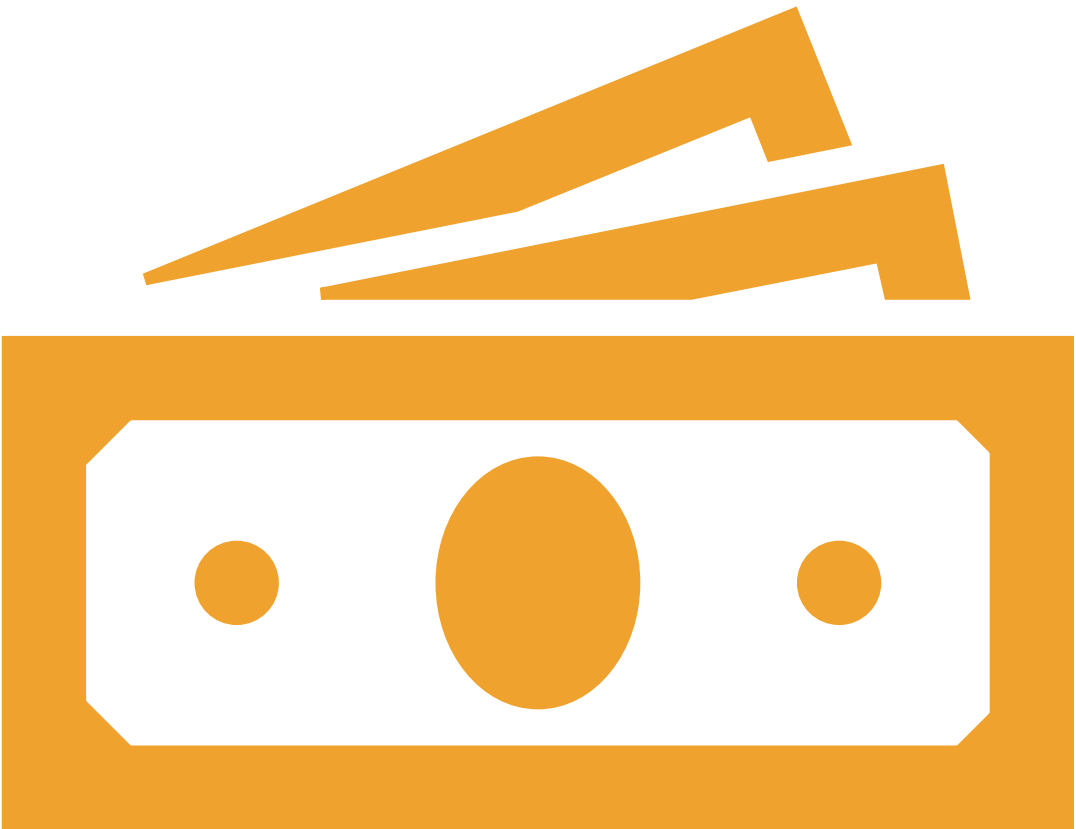
Topics for
discussion

TOPICS

1. BLS Funding Increase Options

2. BLS Funding Increase Distribution

BLS
FUNDING



DECISIONS FOR THE 2026-2031 LEVY SPAN

- 1. BLS funding distribution formula for all programs**
60 % call volume, 40% assessed valuation
Do not reset 1st year
Inflate funding annually by CPI-W + 1%
- 2. Increase total funding for MIH (amount tbd)**
- 3. Roll QI into BLS Basic Allocation**
- 4. Continue with BLS Core Services**
- 5. Total BLS funding level**

Initial
Proposed

INCREASE OPTIONS

Increase Options

	2026-31 PSQ	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
% of proposed levy		27.0%	27.7%	28.1%	28.6%	29.1%
2026 Increase above PSQ		\$1 million	\$2 million	\$3 million	\$4 million	\$5 million
Initial proposed increase		\$6.5	\$13.1	\$19.6	\$26.2	\$32.7
PSQ Increase	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9
2020-2025 Baseline	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9
Total	\$228.9	\$235.4	\$241.9	\$248.5	\$255.0	\$261.6
% increase from 2020-25		33.8%	37.5%	41.2%	45.0%	48.7%
<i>Levy Rate (cents)***</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>26.7</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>27.3</i>	<i>27.5</i>

Initial Proposed Increases

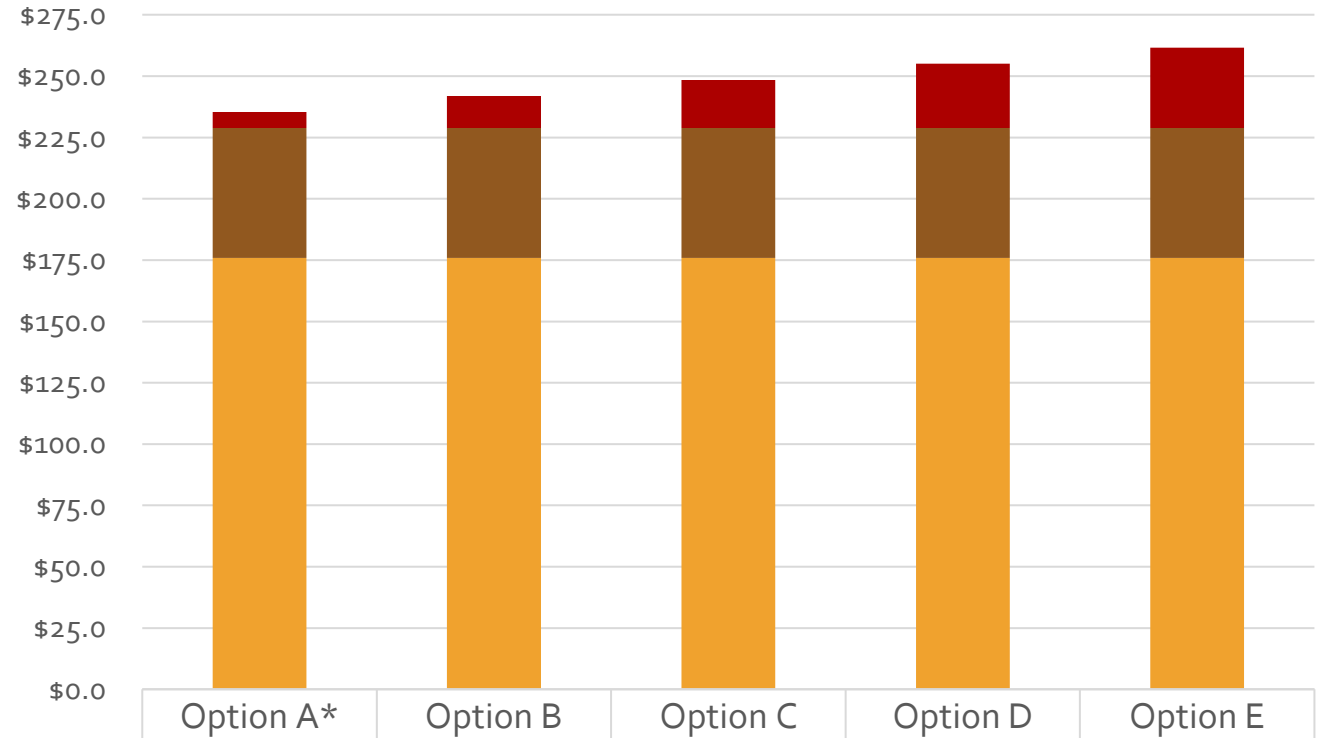
ALS	\$ 9.6 m
RSSI	\$13.8 m

- 2026-2031 PSQ is 30% increase from 2020-2025 levy
- Option A matches BLS % of 2020-2025 planned levy
- Numbers in table do not include ALS Support for BLS Activities (shown on dashboard)
- ***Levy rate information very preliminary and will change (based on March 2024 forecast)

Increase Options

Comparison of BLS Options

(\$s in millions)



	Option A*	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
Initial proposed increase	\$6.5	\$13.1	\$19.6	\$26.2	\$32.7
PSQ Increase	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9	\$52.9
2020-2025 Baseline	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9	\$175.9

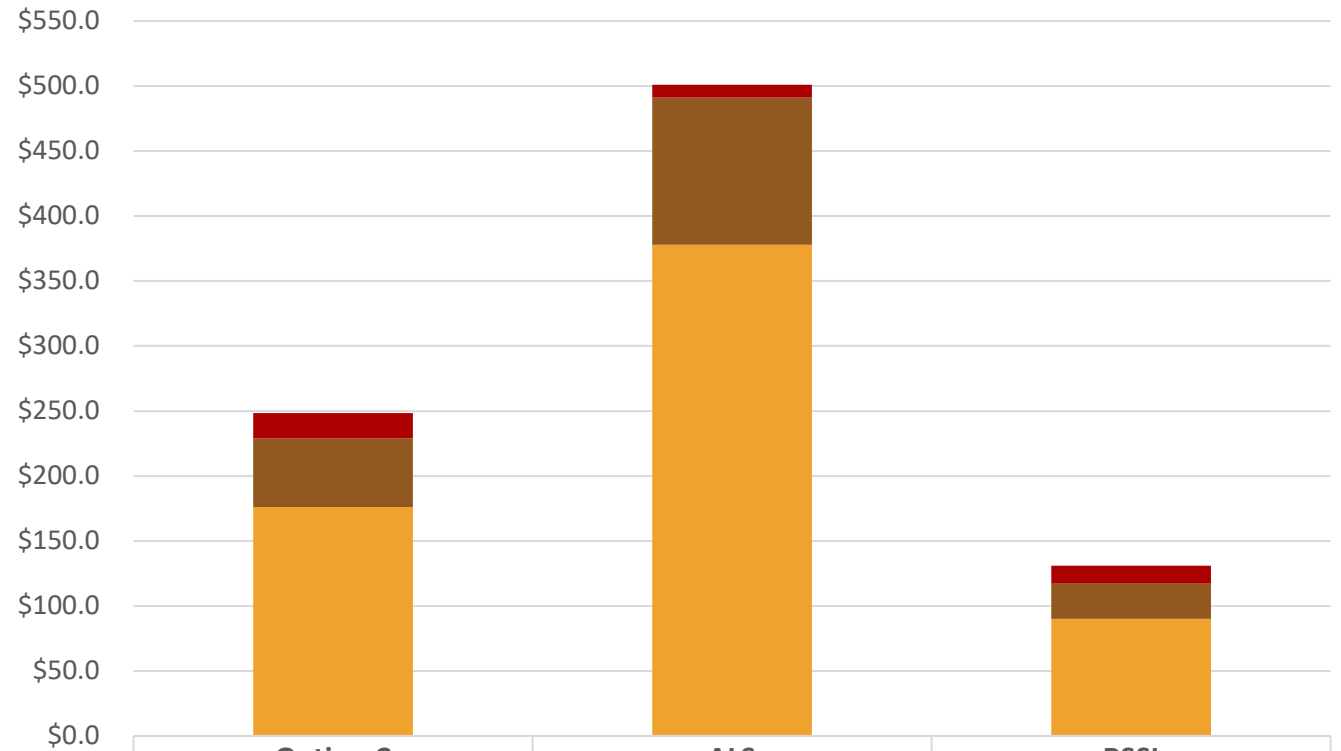
Comparison to ALS and RSSI

	BLS Option C	ALS	RSSI
% of proposed levy	28.1%	56.7%	14.8%
2026 Increase above PSQ	\$3.0	\$1.5	\$1.9
Initial proposed increase	\$19.6	\$9.6	\$13.8
PSQ Increase	\$52.9	\$113.3	\$27.1
2020-2025 Baseline	\$175.9	\$378.0	\$90.0
Total	\$248.5	\$501.0	\$130.9
% increase from 2020-25	41.2%	32.5%	45.4%
<i>Levy Rate (cents)***</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>27.1</i>

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Comparison to ALS and RSSI

Comparison BLS Options to ALS & RSSI (*\$s in millions*)



	Option C	ALS	RSSI
■ Initial proposed increase	\$19.6	\$9.6	\$13.8
■ PSQ Increase	\$52.9	\$113.3	\$27.1
■ 2020-2025 Baseline	\$175.9	\$378.0	\$90.0

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Increase
Options

Questions?
Increase recommendations?

Initial
Proposed

Distribution
Options

Distribute increased funding to:

- BLS Basic Allocation
- MIH
- Leave BLS Core at current funding level

Distribution Options shown:

- 50% BLS Basic / 50% MIH
- 60% BLS Basic / 40% MIH
- 75% BLS Basic / 25% MIH

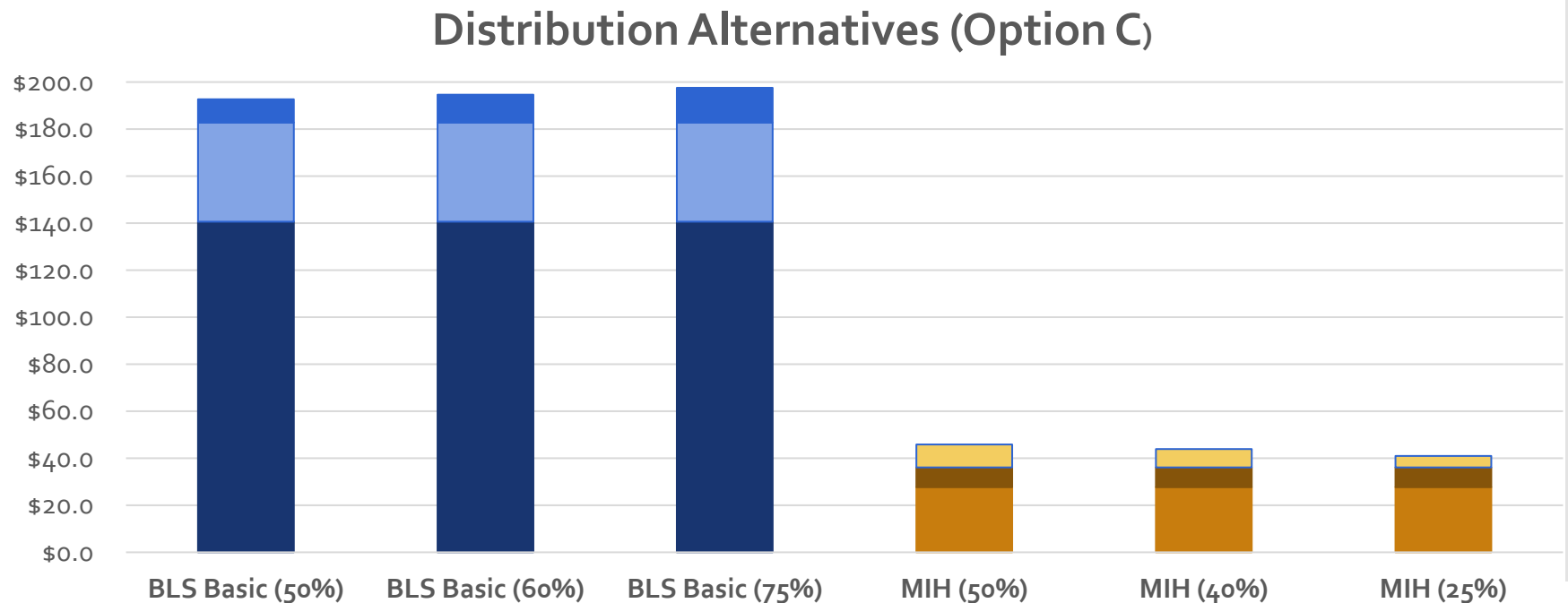
Distribution Options

<i>Increases (in millions)</i>	Split	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
2026 Increase above PSQ		\$1.0	\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0
Increase above 2020-25		\$6.5	\$13.1	\$19.6	\$26.2	\$32.7
BLS % increase	50%	\$3.3	\$6.5	\$9.8	\$13.1	\$16.4
MIH % increase	50%	\$3.3	\$6.5	\$9.8	\$13.1	\$16.4
BLS % increase	60%	\$3.9	\$7.9	\$11.8	\$15.7	\$19.6
MIH % increase	40%	\$2.6	\$5.2	\$7.9	\$10.5	\$13.1
BLS % increase	75%	\$4.9	\$9.8	\$14.7	\$19.6	\$24.5
MIH % increase	25%	\$1.6	\$3.3	\$4.9	\$6.5	\$8.2

Note: includes rounding errors

Distribution Options Illustrated Using Option C

Funding (Option C)	BLS Basic (50%)	BLS Basic (60%)	BLS Basic (75%)	MIH (50%)	MIH (40%)	MIH (25%)
Initial Increase	\$9.8	\$11.8	\$14.7	\$9.8	\$7.9	\$4.9
PSQ Increase	\$42.3	\$42.3	\$42.3	\$8.3	\$8.3	\$8.3
2020-2025 Baseline	\$140.6	\$140.6	\$140.6	\$27.7	\$27.7	\$27.7
Total	\$192.7	\$194.6	\$197.6	\$45.9	\$43.9	\$41.0
% of total	5%	6%	7%	21%	18%	12%



Dark blue/orange = 2020-25 baseline; light blue/brown = PSQ/inflation; bright blue/gold = Initial Proposed add

Initial
Proposed

Distribution
Options

Questions?

Distribution recommendations?