

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND AND EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE
FOR MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Mercer Island (“City”), a municipal corporation of the State of Washington and Eastside Fire & Rescue, a non-profit corporation organized under chapter 24.03 RCW (“EFR”) pursuant to and as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 39.34 RCW).

RECITALS

- A. The City of Mercer Island and Eastside Fire & Rescue entered into an interlocal agreement for fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical, and related administrative services effective January 1, 2024.
- B. The City currently provides Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) services within its jurisdiction connecting low-acuity and vulnerable EMS clients to the appropriate resources to address their complex needs through alternative response and referral strategies.
- C. The City’s MIH services are currently funded by the King County through the EMS levy.
- D. The City recognizes the benefits of transferring the responsibility for MIH services to EFR.
- E. EFR has the capacity and expertise to efficiently and effectively provide MIH services.
- F. Both the City and EFR believe this Agreement will enhance cooperative advantages and opportunities for more efficient delivery of services within the City of Mercer Island.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- 1. **Transfer of Responsibility.** The City agrees to transfer the responsibility for MIH services to EFR as outlined in Exhibit A incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. **Levy Funding.** The City shall transfer all levy funding (“MIH Levy Funds”) it receives from King County for MIH services to EFR.
- 3. **Contractual Obligations.**
 - a. EFR agrees to utilize MIH Levy Funds exclusively for the provision of MIH services. EFR agrees to maintain the current service level within the City under the EFR’s CORE program deployment model. EFR commits to adhering to the King County EMS participation guidelines and requirements.
 - b. At the conclusion of the MIH Intervention Specialist’s employment with the City, following the parties’ approval of this Agreement, EFR will hire the MIH Intervention Specialist as EFR’s Care Coordinator.

- c. In the event that there is a reduction or cessation of MIH levy funding from King County, the City shall conduct an assessment of the City’s desire for continued MIH services. Final decisions regarding any MIH service modifications shall rest with the City.
 - d. Should the MIH Care Coordinator position be discontinued due to the City’s reduction or cessation of MIH services as described above in subsection (c), the City and EFR agree to equally share the financial impacts resulting from impact bargaining with the union representing the MIH Care Coordinator.
4. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall commence on [Effective Date] and shall continue until terminated by either party with 90 days’ written notice.
 5. **Reporting.** EFR will deliver an annual report to the City regarding MIH services on Mercer Island provided by EFR.
 6. **Supervisor/Administrator.** The Chief of Administration shall serve as the supervisor/administrator of the Agreement for the City for EFR to contact with issues, concerns, or updates.
 7. **Joint Property.** There will be no joint property of any kind acquired through this Agreement.
 8. **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only in writing and signed by both parties.
 9. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.
 10. **No Third-Party Beneficiary.** There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement, and it is not the intent of the parties to grant or promise any right or privilege to any person or entity that is not a party hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the [Effective Date] first above written.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND:

EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE:

Jessi Bon, City Manager

Ben Lane, Fire Chief

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE:

Bio Park, City Attorney

Lisa Marshall, Attorney for EFR

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

EFR will provide the following services to the City for the purposes of Mobile Integrated Healthcare (“MIH”) services.

1. Respond to and provide care coordination services for individuals with mental health, behavioral health, substance use, housing, and other social service needs.
2. Connect and build relationships with a broad range of community members, including underserved populations.
3. Provide staffing resources to conduct follow-up services for referrals.
 - a. Follow-up services may include in-person visits, phone calls, or emails.
 - b. In-person visit duties may include meeting with and interviewing individuals, families, and other care providers to assess needs and eligibility of services. Advocating for the needs of individuals within and outside the system; liaise between individuals, caregivers, and service providers. Provide client-level troubleshooting and advocacy.
 - c. Provide short-term intensive case management for individuals in need of such assistance.
 - d. Facilitate access to services for high-need individuals across all involved systems of care.
4. Provide client follow-up as necessary. Follow-up may include additional in-person visits, phone calls, or follow-up emails.
5. Document all client contact, including in-person visits, phone calls and emails in a HIPPA compliant case management database.
6. Track metrics for client system utilization, case management activities, and outcome measures. Collaborate with the City to analyze data and community trends and to develop as needed.
7. Build and maintain relationships and partnerships with organizations that provide services that are helpful to clients.
8. Oversee management and training of staff to carry out objectives.