



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Council Member Conor McCarthy and Council Assistant Lynda Foster
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SUBJECT: **Pierce County Opioid Summit 2021**
DATE: February 10, 2021

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully request City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to allocate \$2,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to support the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2021, occurring March 2, 2021.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request:

The Mayor, top city and county leaders (including council members), and the Health Department have made a commitment through various task force committees and the City’s ten-year strategic plan Tacoma 2025. In 2017, Pierce County Councilmember Derek Young and Tacoma City Councilmember Conor McCarthy convened representatives from multiple sectors as the Pierce County Opioid Task Force. The Pierce County Council declared a “State of Opioid Crisis,” which paralleled a Presidential declaration, and sent a letter to Governor Jay Inslee urging him to declare Pierce County in a state of emergency. The City of Tacoma filed a lawsuit in 2017 against three opioid manufacturers and the county followed suit in early 2018.

In February 2018, the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force convened a community summit on the opioid epidemic to get input for an action plan. More than 150 leaders from cities, healthcare, social services, fire, public health, law enforcement, and criminal justice joined together in discussion. Members of the county’s congressional delegation were also in attendance. Task Force leaders used the information gathered at the summit to plan implementation of an action plan. The Task Force has gathered annually since then to continue to exchange ideas and coordinate efforts to end the opioid epidemic in Pierce County.

In March of 2020, shortly after the Task Force convened its third community summit on the opioid epidemic to promote the need for Opioid Misuse Prevention and Education, a deadly virus emerged infecting millions worldwide and disrupted the way all person everywhere in Pierce County, live, work, and receive healthcare. The impact of this virus has left many communities scrambling for resources, technology, education and means to support themselves and or their families financially. Among those impacted are several vulnerable populations (e.g., those without housing, reliable transportation, broadband, or access to treatment etc.) have experience even higher levels stress and isolation. It has been reported that severe and prolonged levels of stress when combined with isolation have been linked to higher rates of opioid related overdoses.

To support those in need, the Task Force Steering Committee proposed the following topics of discussion and adjustments to the venue space be considered for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit.

- Access to treatment due to COVID-how our world is changing for service delivery
- Stigma continues-racial disparities, TPCHD call to action that racism is a public health crisis
- What quality services and prevention really look like- services in your language and your culture, impact on families
- How to advocate effectively.

Total Event Budget Estimate:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Speakers @ \$250 each	\$ 1,000
Media costs (staff time)	\$ 2,000
Facilitator and leaders	In-Kind-Steering Committee
Advertising (e.g., social media posts, graphics, etc.)	\$1,000
Support Staff (Check in, Invitations etc.)	\$2,000
Technical Support-Zoom set up	In Kind from Elevate Health
TOTAL	\$6,000

FUNDING REQUESTED:
\$ 2,000

ALIGNMENT WITH TACOMA 2025 KEY FOCUS AREAS:

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Lynda Foster at (253) 219 - 0339 or Lynda.Foster@CityofTacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:



Council Member Conor McCarthy