



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: **Tanisha Jumper**, Program Manager City Manager’s Office
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with University of Washington for the Livable City Year Projects in Tacoma – August 15, 2017
DATE: July 31, 2017

SUMMARY:

Resolution to authorize a Livable City Year Program professional services agreement with the University of Washington, not to exceed \$350,000, for public health, urban design, economic development , and community service projects throughout the City of Tacoma.

The City Manager’s Office recommends a contract be awarded to the Livable City Year (LYC) Program through the University of Washington (UW) system, not to exceed \$350,000. The agreement will consist of approximately 30 projects throughout the City of Tacoma. The program will start September 2017 and will end September 2018. The agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties and with City Council approval.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The LYC program professional services agreement best aligns with the following City Council Strategic Policy Priorities:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.
- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

In addition, all projects and activities are aligned to Tacoma 2025 focus areas and goals

BACKGROUND:

The Livable City Year is an initiative led by UW faculty that enables local government to tap into the talents and energy of the University of Washington in order to create livable communities. The LCY Program helps cities reach their goals for livable in an affordable way, while providing opportunities for students to learn through real-life problem solving.

ISSUE:

In 2017, the City applied for and was selected as the 2017-2018 LCY Community Partner. The University has special expertise to develop specific year-long engagements with communities and seeks to promote research, education, service, and public outreach related to the development of livable communities. The City provides a variety of services, programs and infrastructure to meet the needs of area residents, businesses, and visitors. The purpose of this agreement is for the City to provide real world concerns, problems, ideas and issues to the LCY Program and the University provides 35,000-85,000 hours of technical assistance, research, education, and public outreach to develop solutions.



ALTERNATIVES:

Since this is a special initiative with UW, there are no alternatives to offer at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

UW is intricately connected to data tools, faculty support, and subject matter experts on issues regarding urban design, business, architecture, and much more. The selected projects have a chance to bring about “real change for real communities” in the City. Therefore, the City Manager’s Office recommends this agreement to be awarded to the University of Washington for the LYC Program.