



RESOLUTION NO. 40948

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER
2 AND McCARTHY

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$12,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to fund grants that support
5 community engagement programs sponsored through South Sound
6 Together.

7 WHEREAS South Sound Together is a non-profit, collaborative effort of
8 community-minded business leaders and angel investors seeking to promote the
9 South Puget Sound as a good place for business and a great place to live, and

10 WHEREAS South Sound Together builds partnership with the community
11 and positively impacts the lifestyle and economy of the South Sound, and

12 WHEREAS, since 2015, South Sound Together has provided seed money
13 and launched various projects, such as providing funding alongside University of
14 Washington-Tacoma to start the South Sound Alliance; helping to bring Sue's Tech
15 Kitchen to Tacoma, which is a three-day interactive event to engage youth in
16 STEM education and technology; and sponsoring the Next Leaders Initiative to
17 support civic engagement of youth, among many other projects, and

18 WHEREAS, at the April 5, 2022, Study Session, Council Member Blocker
19 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$12,000,
20 funded from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the South Sound Together
21 grant pool for this year's projects, and

22 WHEREAS projects that receive funding are determined by the South
23 Sound Together Board, which is comprised of representatives from the following
24 organizations: City of Tacoma, Bates Technical College, CHI Franciscan Health,
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1 Columbia Bank, JayRay, MultiCare Health System, The News Tribune, Pacific
2 Lutheran University, Rainier Connect, Sound Credit Union, Tacoma Arts Live,
3 Tacoma Community College, Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma Public Utilities,
4 Tacoma Urban League, United Way of Pierce County, and University of
5 Washington-Tacoma, and

6 WHEREAS, since 2015, over \$2 million has been invested in community-
7 based projects from local participating organizations and matching angel investors,
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9 WHEREAS South Sound Tacoma will provide the City Council with a report
10 of the programs which were funded in the 2022 program year, and

11 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
12 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
13 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
14 adopting the budget, and

15 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
16 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund, and

17 WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the City Council finds that the
18 proposed grant will benefit the public health, safety and welfare; Now, Therefore,

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22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

23 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$12,000, budgeted from
24 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved to fund grants for community
25 engagement programs that support business and economic development in the
26 City that benefit Tacoma's diverse communities.



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Section 2. That the community engagement programs will be sponsored and administered through South Sound Together and selected through a competitive process in alignment with the mission and vision of the South Sound Together Board and consistent with this resolution.

Section 3. That South Sound Together will provide a report to the City Council by end of the first quarter in 2023 describing the programs funded in 2022.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney