



RESOLUTION NO. 41461

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DANIELS
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of a financing arrangement with the
4 Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center, in the amount of \$1,500,000,
5 budgeted from the Urban Development Action Grant Fund, for the
6 development and construction of a new facility to consolidate operations,
7 expand services, and increase capacity and efficiency in the delivery of
8 services.

9 WHEREAS this resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a
10 financing arrangement for \$1,500,000 from the Urban Development Action Grant
11 ("UDAG") program account to support the Multicultural Child and Family Hope
12 Center ("MCFHC") capital campaign for the planned development of the new Cora
13 Whitley Family Center, and

14 WHEREAS this 32,000 square foot facility will include a 3,700 square foot
15 gym and 19 classrooms for 326 early learners, along with 186 employees, doubling
16 the current MCFHC capacity and filling 10 percent of the early learning and
17 childcare needs in Tacoma, and

18 WHEREAS the MCFHC has received private/philanthropic, county, state,
19 and federal funding commitments for the planned Cora Whitley Family Center
20 facility totaling \$14,515,989 and requires additional funding to reach the total project
21 cost of \$20,745,142, and

22 WHEREAS City funding would be restricted to use for construction and
23 development costs and the MCFHC would be required to abide by Washington
24 State public works contracting requirements, including payment of prevailing
25 wages, and
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1 WHEREAS, prior to the disbursement of any City funds, evidence of a fully
2 funded project will be required, and the City funds will be the last funding into the
3 project, and

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5 WHEREAS the UDAG account is comprised of repayments from historic
6 federal Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") funds that were granted to the
7 City and lent to the private sector for economic development activities, and

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9 WHEREAS the City is allowed to retain and reuse UDAG funds for federal
10 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") purposes and development of the
11 new Cora Whitley Family Center is within CDBG purposes, and

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13 WHEREAS previous projects funded through the City's UDAG account
14 include development of the downtown hotel now the Murano, acquisition and
15 redevelopment of Old City Hall, and construction of a parking facility for the
16 University of Washington – all of which were structured as loans to be repaid to the
17 UDAG account administered by the Community and Economic Development
18 Department, and

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20 WHEREAS the MCFHC is a non-profit human services and early learning
21 center that has operated in the City for more than thirty years, and

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23 WHEREAS the MCFHC's mission is to provide culturally relevant support
24 services that educate, empower, and uplift the City's children, youth, and
25 community to increase access to opportunities, and
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1 WHEREAS the MCFHC offers a variety of childcare services, such as a
2 before and after school program, support for children in foster care, and free early
3 learning programs, and

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5 WHEREAS the demand for the MCFHC Early Childhood Education and
6 Assistance Program is robust, with a current two-year waitlist, and

7 WHEREAS the MCFHC provides services to assist parents, including
8 programs designed to develop parenting skills, improve parental self-care to lower
9 the risk of child neglect or abuse, and help fathers navigate the child welfare
10 system, and

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12 WHEREAS the MCFHC also provides free groceries and diapers to families
13 in need, and

14 WHEREAS the MCFHC works to help prevent homelessness through its
15 homeless prevention project while also providing transitional housing for families
16 experiencing housing instability, and a recovery home that supports sober living for
17 women and children; Now, Therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

20 Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the City
21 Council's legislative findings.

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23 Section 2. That the City Council hereby finds that the consideration to be
24 received by City residents from development and operation of the Multicultural Child
25 and Family Hope Center ("MCFHC"), constitutes sufficient consideration to the City
26 and its residents and is equivalent in value to the City's investment of federal Urban



1 Development Action Grant funds, and meets Community Development Block Grant
2 purposes.

3 Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter
4 into a financing arrangement to be developed with the MCFHC, in the amount of
5 \$1,500,000, to fund the costs of development and construction of a new facility.
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10 Mayor

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City Clerk

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Chief Deputy City Attorney
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