



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Human and Community Services Contract – Tacoma Public Schools – March 26, 2019  
**DATE:** February 27, 2019

**SUMMARY:**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Tacoma School District No. 10, d.b.a. Tacoma Public Schools, in the amount of \$909,669.76, budgeted from the General Fund and Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Fund. This Memorandum addresses the contract amendment for the Tacoma Whole Child Initiative (TWCI) in the amount of \$291,833.76, specifically for the period of April 1, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Strengthen and support public safety, human services, public education, and diverse higher learning opportunities in Tacoma.
- Encourage and promote an open, effective, and results-oriented organization.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 4, 2018, Council approved the Neighborhood and Community Services - Human and Community Services request to award contracts for the 2019-20 Biennium. TWCI was one of the programs sustained at the 2017-18 funding level, however, the program was not included in the initial Council Action Memo (CAM). TWCI provides universal screenings and mental health interventions to elementary and middle school students, with the purpose of conducting school-based mental health intervention in the District, as an integral part of a developing district-wide multi-tiered system of social, emotional, and behavioral supports. A total of 24 elementary schools and two middle schools in the Tacoma School District are supported through this project.

TWCI is led by the Tacoma School District Superintendent and the University of Washington Tacoma (YWT) Chancellor with a team of top staff from both institutions planning and overseeing the effort.

**ISSUE:**

According to the 2016 Community Needs Assessment, “Tacoma youth report lower rates of mental wellness, less sense of personal safety, and earlier and more consistent drug use than their statewide counterparts.” TWCI addresses this issue by providing universal mental health screenings to support early intervention elements and to expand prevention and early intervention for youth struggling with mental health.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council could choose not to support the program and ask staff to look at additional alternatives to address the impacts of adolescent mental health interventions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council to approve the Contract Amendment for TWCI for the contract identified above in the amount of \$291,833.76.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010-General Fund	91300 (Education Services)	5330100	\$250,000.00
1185-MHCD	859300 (Youth Development)	5330100	\$659,669.76
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$909,669.76</b>

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010-General Fund	91300		\$250,000.00
1185-MHCD	859300	4313250	\$659,669.76
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$909,669.76</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$909,669.76**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**