



RESOLUTION NO. 41859

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, RUMBAUGH, AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$30,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to fund the Oasis Youth
4 Center’s staff guided HIV and STI self-testing for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14
and older in Pierce County.

5 WHEREAS Pierce County is considered a high STI-incidence jurisdiction,
6 with rates of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis exceeding those of many other
7 counties in Washington State and nationally, and

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9 WHEREAS In 2024, Pierce County reported the second-highest number of
10 cases of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis (all stages) in the state, with young
11 people ages 15–24 accounting for the majority of Chlamydia cases, and

12 WHEREAS despite this elevated need, existing HIV and STI testing services
13 are often not accessible or culturally appropriate for youth—particularly LGBTQ+
14 youth and youth in crisis—due to barriers such as transportation, cost, age
15 restrictions, stigma, and lack of affirming providers, and

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17 WHEREAS Oasis Youth Center (“Oasis”) will provide on-demand, staff-
18 guided HIV and STI self-testing within its existing drop-in and support service
19 environment, where youth will be able to access oral HIV tests, rapid fingerstick HIV
20 tests, and STI self-collection kits (including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis) in
21 a safe, trusted, and affirming setting, and

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23 WHEREAS trained Oasis staff will guide participants through test
24 administration and specimen collection, support accurate interpretation of results,
25 and provide immediate linkage to follow-up care, treatment, and supportive services
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1 as needed, and additionally, staff with phlebotomy certifications can assist youth
2 with the lancet poke if needed, and

3 WHEREAS this approach reduces common barriers to testing by eliminating
4 the need to travel to external clinics with limited hours, minimizing stigma, and
5 ensuring youth receive supportive guidance throughout the process, and the
6 desired impact is increased testing uptake among LGBTQ+ youth, earlier detection
7 of HIV and STIs, timely linkage to treatment, and improved long-term sexual health
8 outcomes for young people in Pierce County, and

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10 WHEREAS, at the February 10, 2026, Study Session, Council
11 Member Rumbaugh shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the
12 one-time use of \$30,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to fund the Oasis's
13 HIV and STI self-testing for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14 and older in Pierce County,
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16 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
17 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
18 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
19 adopting the budget, and

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21 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
22 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
23 Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council’s legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$30,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Oasis Youth Center’s (“Oasis”) staff guided HIV and STI self-testing for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14 and older in Pierce County.

Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Oasis for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney