



TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, City Manager’s Office
SUBJECT: Resolution – Authorizing the use of \$10,000 from the City Council’s Contingency Fund for the Eastside Food Innovation District through the Approved Livable City Year Program Agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma – City Council Meeting November 21, 2017
DATE: November 9, 2017

SUMMARY:

Resolution authorizing the use of \$10,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for the Eastside Food Innovation District Project through the Livable City Year agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Campbell

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

This use of the City Council Contingency Funds best aligns with the City Council Strategic Priorities of:

- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs

BACKGROUND:

On November 24, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 39321 to contribute \$10,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department’s (TPCHD) Innovation Initiative to provide Eastside Tacoma residents with Healthy Food. The goals of the initiative were to improve “food health” of low-income people living in the Eastside of Tacoma and to create sustainable jobs and small businesses based on healthy food. Poor food health contributes to poor school performance and to health issues, such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and some cancers. A root cause of poor food health is poverty since nutritional foods can cost more than five times as much as junk and processed food. Although an agreement was negotiated and executed, the TPCHD was unable to raise the other \$70,000 needed for the planning phase of the initiative. The negotiated agreement with TPCHD stated that they must secure the \$70,000 prior to a payment from the City; and, that no later than March 31, 2017, provide a report to the City describing how the City contributions were applied for this program. The Council Contingency Funds remain obligated for this purpose, but have not been spent.

On August 15, 2017, the City Council approved Resolution No. 39781, authorizing an agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) for the Livable City Year Program. The funding for the agreement, \$350,000, would be budgeted from various department funds for public health, urban design, economic development and community



services projects throughout the City. One of the projects identified is the Eastside Food Innovation District, which has the same purpose as the original TPCHD's initiative to address issues around access to healthy food in the Eastside of Tacoma, as well as jobs and business opportunities that will increase the resources available to Eastside residents.

ISSUE:

In order to authorize use of the City Council's Contingency Funds for this purpose, a resolution must be adopted. Although the funding was previously secured for this purpose, a resolution is needed to move the funding from the TPCHD's initiative to the UWT's Livable City Year Program contract to pay for this specific project.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could reject the use of the Contingency Funds for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the use of the Contingency Funds based on the discussion at the November 17, 2015 Study Session about the health and economic benefits of the TPCHD's initiative for the residents of Eastside Tacoma and the City Council's prior adoption of Resolution No. 39321, which had the same purpose and benefits for access to healthy foods for Eastside residents. The adoption of this resolution would not impact the balance of the City Council Contingency Fund and would just move the obligation from the TPCHD's initiative to a similar UWT Livable City Year Program project.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 – Council Contingency	660000	5330100	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$10,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 – Council Contingency	660000	6311010	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$10,000

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
TOTAL			

This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$10,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? The City Council Contingency Fund has appropriation authority allowing for the expenditure of requested funds. These obligated funds for the TPCHD’s initiative were rolled over to the 2017/2018 Contingency Fund budget during the Biennial Budget process; therefore, if this resolution were adopted it would not reduce the balance of that fund beyond what was previously obligated.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.