



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Council Member Kristina Walker and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, City Manager's Office  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Council contingency fund request to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition in Tacoma  
**DATE:** December 11, 2024

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### **SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

A resolution authorizing a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$15,000 to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition occurring in Tacoma June 20-22, 2025.

### **COUNCIL SPONSORS**

Council Member Kristina Walker, Mayor Victoria Woodards, and Deputy Mayor John Hines

**Council Contingency Fund Request:** This resolution requests a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$15,000 to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition in Tacoma engaging and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This event will feature athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to cultivate holistic health, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

- Intellectual and/or developmental disability are terms used when a person has certain limitations in cognitive functioning and skills, including conceptual, social and practical skills, such as language, social and self-care skills.
- Some causes of intellectual and/or developmental disability, such as Down syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Fragile X syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, birth defects, and infections, can happen before birth, while some happen while a baby is being born or soon after birth. Intellectual disability in particular can also be diagnosed or occur later in life due to exposure to diseases or toxins or from injuries, such as severe head injury.
- Over 170,000 people in Washington State live with an intellectual and/or developmental disability.<sup>1</sup>

The City of Tacoma's sponsorship would be acknowledged through the use of the City logo on advertising and promotion materials and other forms of community recognition. This event will also bring people from across the state to our city, fostering economic gains for our local businesses and hotels. In addition, this event will help showcase Tacoma as a powerful advocate for inclusion, sports and physical fitness in Washington state.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community members frequently express a desire to ensure that Tacoma is accessible and inclusive for all community members, including those with disabilities.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Arc Washington – For People With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)



**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

**Equity and Accessibility:** The Special Olympics movement began in 1968 and aims to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills, and success through the power of sports. Special Olympics Washington began in 1975 and will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this coming year in 2025.<sup>2</sup> Special Olympics also aims to promote social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, as well as break down stereotypes about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Special Olympics Washington has huge dependency on its stalwart volunteer corps, many who hail from or live and/or work in the City of Tacoma.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity  
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.  
Elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community.

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity  
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not fund the sponsorship	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	The event organizers would need to reduce the scope and scale of the event, making it potentially less accessible to the community and providing less community benefit.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP**

The City of Tacoma will provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION**

Sponsors recommend providing \$15,000 to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition in Tacoma.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1030 – Council Contingency Fund	660000	5330100	\$15,000

<sup>2</sup> [Special Olympics Washington](#)



TOTAL		\$15,000
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**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

Council Contingency Funds

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?**

The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

NO

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

NO

**Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**

NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

## Contingency Commitments

<b>2024</b>	\$	<b>225,000.00</b>
<b>(Remaining balance that will be carried over in March / April 2024 )</b>		
	\$	<b>19,450.00</b>
<b>Resolution 41354</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Raising Girls Sponsorship</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor 500 Raising Girls winter care bags with personal hygiene and menstrual products, as well as warm winter items, for low-income Tacoma students.		
<b>Resolution 41372</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 request to sponsor the Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange.		
<b>Resolution 41373</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Metro Park's Mosaic Arts and Culture Festival</b>	\$	<b>5,500.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,500 to sponsor Metro Park's Mosaic Arts and Cultural Festival.		
<b>Resolution 41378</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest (AIDNW) for their Phone Call Fund to support access to phone services for detainees in the Northwest Ice Processing Center		
<b>Resolution 41386</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Refugee Choir's First Annual Symposium Sponsorship</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
A Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Tacoma Refugee Choir's first annual symposium, "From Welcoming to Cooperation."		
<b>Resolution 41442</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Facilitation of Pierce County Climate Conversation Meetings</b>	\$	<b>20,000.00</b>
Resolution authorizing \$20,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the Pierce County Climate Conversation		
<b>Resolution 41449</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Broadway Street Broken Window Repairs</b>	\$	<b>25,000.00</b>
A \$25,000 Council Contingency Request for matching funds to support broken window replacement for businesses affected along Broadway		
<b>Resolution 41448</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Youth Sponsorship to Fuzhou, China</b>	\$	<b>12,500.00</b>
A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$12,500 to support youth attendance at the Fuzhou Youth Week Convening in late June		
<b>Resolution 41471</b>		
<b>Council Requested - South End Neighborhood Council (SENCo) Block Party &amp; Resource Fair</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
A resolution authorizing the \$10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the South End Neighborhood Council's 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair for the purpose of sharing information about public resources offered by the City of Tacoma and other organizations, and to build community connections and increase participation in SENCo meetings and activities.		
<b>Resolution 41526</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Historic Cushman Street Fair Support</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
A Resolution for support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$4,000 to support the Historic Cushman Street Fair		
<b>Resolution 41539</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Pride-themed Decorative Crosswalk</b>	\$	<b>35,000.00</b>
A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$35,000 for a Pride-themed decorative crosswalk on Broadway in downtown Tacoma.		
<b>Resolution 41533</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Alchemy Skateboarding Expansion and Youth Access Fund</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Alchemy skateboarding expansion project and youth access fund.		
<b>Resolution 41534</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Historic McKinley District Halloween Parade</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Historic McKinley District Halloween Parade .		
<b>Resolution 41555</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Urban Reuse Program Assessment and Action Strategy</b>	\$	<b>20,000.00</b>
A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support an Urban Wood Reuse Program Assessment and Action Strategy.		
<b>Resolution 41567</b>		
<b>Council Request - Hilltop Holiday Event</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
A Resolution for a Council contingency fund expenditure to sponsor the Hilltop holiday event.		
<b>Resolution 41568</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Senior services from Lighthouse and Beacon Senior Centers to Metro Parks Facilities</b>	\$	<b>30,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$30,000 to support the transition of Tacoma's Senior Center services from Lighthouse and Beacon Senior Centers to Metro Parks facilities.		
<b>To Council December 17, 2024</b>		
<b>Council Requested - Special Olympics Sponsorship</b>	\$	<b>15,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition occurring in Tacoma June 20 -22, 2025.		
<b>Oasis Youth Center (this funding was allocated during budget amendments)</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Starting Balance</b>		
	\$	<b>244,450.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>		
	\$	<b>243,000.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		
	\$	<b>1,450.00</b>