



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Council Member Keith Blocker and Council Assistant Rebecca Boydston  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File  
**SUBJECT:** **Council Contingency Fund Request: \$10,000 for Community Members to Attend Final Competition of All America City Awards**  
**DATE:** May 22, 2018

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**ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

**I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of City Council:**

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

On March 26, 2018 Tacoma was named one of 19 finalists to receive an All America City Award by the National Civic League. This award recognizes communities that leverage civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness and innovation to successfully address local issues. Tacoma's application included highlights of recent projects such as Project PEACE, Latino Town Halls, Health in All Policies, and the Lincoln District Revitalization.

As a finalist, Tacoma is invited to compete in a three day awards competition and conference to present its efforts to a jury of national experts.

The National Civic League encourages finalist cities to bring along individuals involved in their projects to compete in these juries. Benefits of winning include economic stimulus effects, community pride and collaboration, and national recognition. In participating in this process, city staff and community members will have the opportunity to learn how other finalists from locations across the country have successfully leveraged civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness and innovation to successfully address community issues.

I would therefore like to request the use of Council Contingency Funds in the amount of up to \$10,000 for community members who have participated in this projects to attend the conference alongside City staff, to compete in the juries on Tacoma's behalf. It is anticipated that five to six community members would participate and this funding would only be used to cover their travel and participation costs, based on the City Travel Policy's allowable expenses. Participating Council Members and staff costs will be covered through their department's budget.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

**State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.**

- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:**

**Request for policy development and legislation**

**This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee** (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

Community Vitality and Safety

Economic Development

Government Performance and Finance  Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

**Request for Resolution**

**Is there a specific deadline for this request?** (Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible) [Click here to enter a date.](#)

**Please provide a brief explanation of deadline.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNDING REQUESTED: \$10,000 from Council Contingency Funds**

**Council Contingency Fund Request** \*Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding?  One-time  Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Rebecca Boydston at 253-591-5164 or [rboydston@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rboydston@cityoftacoma.org)

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:**



**Council Member**

**SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)**

*(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)*

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**POS #\_Mayor\_\_\_\_\_**

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**POS# Deputy Mayor**