



## RESOLUTION NO. 41354

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

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$10,000,  
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the distribution of  
4 500 Raising Girls winter care bags with essential hygiene items and winter  
5 warm items to youth and young adults in the City.

6 WHEREAS the Raising Girls non-profit organization (“Raising Girls”), as a  
7 trusted community resource, partners with schools and local organizations to  
8 address hygiene insecurity and period poverty by providing and distributing care  
9 bags with essential products to elementary, middle, and high school students and  
10 young adults in need in the Puget Sound area, and

11 WHEREAS this sponsorship will allow Raising Girls to improve the health  
12 and well-being of students, encourage school attendance, and promote pride and  
13 dignity among young people by providing 500 students with hygiene products and  
14 winter warm items, and

15 WHEREAS Raising Girls has purchased, packed, and distributed more than  
16 12,000 care bags to date and has partnered with nearly 97 schools, the Boys and  
17 Girls Clubs, Metro Parks, Eastside Community Center, People’s Center, and the  
18 Tacoma Urban League, and

19 WHEREAS Raising Girls mainly focuses on schools that have the highest  
20 free and reduced lunch percentages, enabling them to support those most in need,  
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22 WHEREAS youths who cannot afford hundreds of dollars a year on  
23 menstrual products often resort to problematic alternatives such as toilet paper,  
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1 paper towels, fast food napkins, rags, and socks or extend the use of menstrual  
2 products, and

3 WHEREAS the lack of access to proper and sufficient menstrual hygiene  
4 products can lead to health issues, infections, and toxic shock syndrome, and  
5 can also lead to anxiety and depression at a critical time in a young person's  
6 development, and

7 WHEREAS furthermore those who lack access to proper menstrual hygiene  
8 products are often absent from school during their periods, which is detrimental to  
9 their education, and

10 WHEREAS without proper period protection, students can become reluctant  
11 to participate in important confidence-building activities in the classroom, on the  
12 sports field, and in other extra-curricular school programs at a critical time in their  
13 development, and

14 WHEREAS each winter care bag costs approximately \$20.00 and contains  
15 full-sized hygiene supplies, including menstrual products, body wash, deodorant,  
16 shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush brush, lotion, washcloths, and also  
17 includes warm hats, scarves, socks, and gloves, and

18 WHEREAS Raising Girls includes menstrual hygiene information and hand-  
19 written notes of love reminding young people to feel pride in who they are, and

20 WHEREAS, at the January 23, 2024, Study Session, Council Members  
21 Daniels, Rumbaugh and Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to  
22 authorize the one-time use of \$10,000, from the Council Contingency Fund for the  
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1 distribution of 500 Raising Girls winter care bags with essential hygiene items and  
2 warm winter items to youth and young adults in the City, and

3 WHEREAS City staff will execute a one-time donation in support of Raising  
4 Girls “winter care bags”, and

5 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the  
6 Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of  
7 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of  
8 adopting the budget, and

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

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

13 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from  
14 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting  
15 the distribution of 500 winter care bags with essential hygiene items and warm  
16 winter items to youth and young adults in the City.  
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Raising Girls for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney