



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Council Member Conor McCarthy
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Contingency Fund Support for 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit – February 23, 2021**
DATE: 2/17/2021

SUMMARY & PURPOSE:

A resolution directing the City Manager to allocate \$2,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department to support media and broadcasting for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit.
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COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Conor McCarthy

BACKGROUND:

This Council Member’s Recommendation is Based On:

The Mayor, top city and county leaders (including council members), and the Health Department have made a commitment through various task force committees and the City’s ten-year strategic plan Tacoma 2025. In 2017, Pierce County Councilmember Derek Young and Tacoma City Councilmember Conor McCarthy convened representatives from multiple sectors as the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force. The Pierce County Council declared a “State of Opioid Crisis,” which paralleled a Presidential declaration, and sent a letter to Governor Jay Inslee urging him to declare Pierce County in a state of emergency. The City of Tacoma filed a lawsuit in 2017 against three opioid manufacturers and the county followed suit in early 2018.

In February 2018, the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force convened a community summit on the opioid epidemic to get input for an action plan. More than 150 leaders from cities, healthcare, social services, fire, public health, law enforcement, and criminal justice joined together in discussion. Task Force leaders used the information gathered at the summit to plan implementation of an action plan. The Task Force has gathered annually since then to continue to exchange ideas and coordinate efforts to end the opioid epidemic in Pierce County.

In March of 2020, shortly after the Task Force convened its third community summit on the opioid epidemic to promote the need for Opioid Misuse Prevention and Education, a deadly virus emerged infecting millions worldwide and disrupted the way all person everywhere in Pierce County, live, work, and receive healthcare. The impact of this virus has left many communities scrambling for resources, technology, education and means to support themselves and or their families financially. Among those impacted are several vulnerable populations (e.g., those without housing, reliable transportation, broadband, or access to treatment etc.) have experience even higher levels stress and isolation. It has been reported that severe and prolonged levels of stress when combined with isolation have been linked to higher rates of opioid related overdoses.

To support those in need, the Task Force Steering Committee proposed the following topics of discussion and adjustments to the venue space be considered for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit.

- Access to treatment due to COVID-how our world is changing for service delivery
- Stigma continues-racial disparities, TPCHD call to action that racism is a public health crisis



- What quality services and prevention really look like- services in your language and your culture, impact on families
- How to advocate effectively.

Total Event Budget Estimate:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Speakers @ \$250 each	\$ 1,000
Media costs (staff time)	\$ 2,000
Facilitator and leaders	In-Kind-Steering Committee
Advertising (e.g., social media posts, graphics, etc.)	\$1,000
Support Staff (Check in, Invitations etc.)	\$2,000
Technical Support-Zoom set up	In Kind from Elevate Health
TOTAL	\$6,000

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The 2021 Opioid Summit has been planned in collaboration with Opioid Task Force Steering Committee members, coordinated by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit will focus on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on increased opioid usage in Pierce County. Among those impacted are several vulnerable populations (e.g., those without housing, reliable transportation, broadband, or access to treatment etc.) have experience even higher levels stress and isolation. It has been reported that severe and prolonged levels of stress when combined with isolation have been linked to higher rates of opioid related overdoses. One identified topic of discussion is stigma and racial disparities, TPCHD call to action that racism is a public health crisis.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Allocate \$2,000 in contingency funds	Increase impact of opioid summit through media and broadcasting	Reduce contingency fund
2. Do not allocate funding	Preserve funding for future needs	Reduce reach of opioid summit and positive impact on the community



EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

The Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force Steering Committee will share outcomes from the Summit with the City Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOMMENDATION:

The sponsor recommends the approval of this resolution authorizing the amount of \$2,000 to the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. Council Contingency	660000		\$2,000
2.			
TOTAL			\$2,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Council Contingency Fund

Are the expenditures and revenues budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

Council Contingency Funds are explicitly set aside for expenditures not planned and budgeted in the biennial budget.

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:

N/A