



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Kurtis Kingsolver, Deputy City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Sponsoring Mi Centro’s First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference – April 4, 2023**
DATE: March 29, 2023

I ask for your support for a Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor Mi Centro’s First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference for \$20,000.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request:

Mi Centro is a community-based non-profit that works with Latino and Indigenous Native families. They have been supporting victims of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault for 5 years. This funding request would help to facilitate the successful implementation of Mi Centro’s First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference; **Breaking Barriers: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference for first responders, law enforcement, & domestic violence advocates.**

This 3-day conference is to be held May 31st - June 2nd at The Courtyard Marriot. The mission is to educate and partner with law enforcement and first responders by providing up-to-date research and resources in order to strengthen our collective responsibility to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, emphasizing prevention and culturally sensitive, trauma-informed education and advocacy. Mi Centro is working alongside other social service agencies as well as tribes to provide this educational conference.

This contingency fund request would allow the City to sponsor at the platinum tier level. This sponsorship level provides the following:

- Private invitation to the Maru Mora Centro Familiar grand opening. This includes; a table reservation for 5 people, informational booth and, logo on the printed program
- Private invitation for the Mi Centro Navigator program: Latino small business networking event. This includes; table reservation for 5 people, informational booth and, logo on the printed program
- Private dinner with the Executive Director, Board Members, and Mi Centro staff
- Private Mi Centro Tour
- Sponsors Information - Full Program Page
- Sponsors logo on The Program
- Sponsors Information on Mi Centro’s Web Page
- Sponsor Spotlight in all social media pages
- Free Attendance (5 Spots)

- Mi Centro Swag Package (5 Mi Centro Hoodies, 5 T-Shirts, Pens, and Logo Bags)

FUNDING REQUESTED:
\$ 20,000

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: April 11, 2023

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

The Mi Centro Domestic Violence team has been reaching out to community partners since February 2023. These community partners are also apart of presenting trainings at the event, including Columbia Basin Family Therapy, Rebuilding Hope, Patch Ways to Healing [Tlingit Eagle Clan], Crystal Judson Center, and the DOVE Project. This event has also been advertised at the monthly Pierce County Coalition against Domestic Violence meetings. The Tacoma Police Department is also partnering with Mi Centro and is promoting the event through their official communications.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Since 2020, the rise in domestic violence has risen by 8.1%. Mi Centro gets around 15-17 calls a week, and 3-7 crisis walk-in's a week asking for victim of crime services. 60% are women and children, 30% are men and 10% are elders. Latino Families and individuals who are affected by crime are being misinformed and discriminated against due to their vulnerability. There is a lack in prevention and culturally informed trauma education in our community and in the work force. Mi Centro's goal is to raise awareness and build relationships between law enforcement, first responders and social services to better serve our Victim of Crime survivors.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Select Index Score.

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.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

This conference is focused on providing an education opportunity for law enforcement, first responders, and the social services in our communities so that these vital services can better work together to make a more livable community. Education Prevention Topics include Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Trauma-Informed Responses, Domestic Violence 101, Domestic Violence Mental Health Care, Domestic Violence Native 101, and Domestic Violence Latino Trauma-Informed. A panel of victims of crime survivors will be sharing their personal stories, and one panel of professionals who work in the crime field will also be hosted. The conference will finish with a resource fair-social hour. This resource fair will be an opportunity to network between agencies and get to know one another, build trust and partnerships.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Sponsor at a lower level (\$1,500, \$5,000, or \$10,000)	Contribute to the event, receive sponsor benefits, while also preserving contingency funds for other Council priorities	Have less of an impact on the event, require event organizers to dedicate time to find alternative funding
2. Do not sponsor	Preserve Contingency funds for other Council priorities.	Do not support this event, event organizers would need to

		dedicate time to find alternative funding, no sponsorship benefits.
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EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

These contingency funds are provided to support Mi Centro’s First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference, and contingency funds are intended as a one-time funding source. Event organizers will be provided with information on how to apply for funding opportunities and request sponsorship for future conferences during standard programmatic application cycles.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsors recommend funding a platinum sponsorship of \$20,000 for Mi Centro’s First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference; **Breaking Barriers: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference for first responders, law enforcement, & domestic violence advocates.**

FISCAL IMPACT:

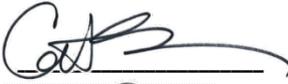
\$20,000 from Council Contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Lynda Foster at 253.591.5166 or lfoster@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: 
Council Member Rumbaugh

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS 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.)

- 1.  POS# 4
- 2.  POS# 7

Mayor’s initials 
 (Mayor’s initials for awareness only to ensure alignment and coordination of emergent policies.)

2023 Council Contingency Commitments

2023-2024	\$	225,000.00
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Resolution 41151

Council requested - South Sound together	\$	12,000.00
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A Resolution authorizing 2023 membership in South Sound Together, in the amount of \$12,000.

Resolution 41150

Council Requested - Welcoming Interactive Conference Participation Sponsorship	\$	4,800.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$4,800 to fund two Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs' Members and a Council Member Participation in the 2023 Welcoming Interactive Conference

Resolution 41163

Council Requested - Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Youth Summit 2023	\$	5,000.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma 2023 Youth Summit

Resolution 41162

Council Requested - Raising Girls Care Package Initiative	\$	10,000.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$10,000 to fund the Raising Girls Non-Profit Organization's "One Bag Drive" to support the creation and distribution of 500 care bags with essential hygiene items to youth and young adults in Tacoma.

Resolution 41161

Council Requested - Wheelstops	\$	12,500.00
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Contingency Fund of \$12,500 expenditure to install wheelstops along South D street, from S. 72nd to S. 74th on the east side of the street.

Resolution 41160

Council Requested - Khmer New Year Celebration	\$	10,000.00
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Council Member Bushnell provides the attached Council Action memorandum for a Resolution authorizing the use of \$10,000 of Council contingency funding to support the first annual Khmer New Year Celebration.

To Study Session April 4, 2023

Council Requested - Mi Centro's Frist Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference	\$	20,000.00
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A Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor Mi Centro's First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference for \$20,000.

Starting Balance	\$	225,000.00
Total Amount Allocated	\$	74,300.00
Current Balance	\$	150,700.00