



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor Bucoda Warren
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Together We End Gun Violence Conference – Requested for April 18, 2023
DATE: April 5, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Together We End Gun Violence Conference.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker, and Council Member Kiara Daniels

BACKGROUND:

Gun violence is a fatal epidemic continuing to plague cities across the U.S. Our region has experienced an alarming increase in violence over the last four years, impacting our beloved communities every day, and leaving many residents eager to address the issue. Recognizing the need for a comprehensive and collaborative regional and state-wide approach to addressing gun violence through a public health lens, this conference brings together leaders who believe that by working together, from the grassroots to the grass tops we can identify and implement lasting solutions.

Thursday, May 25 & Friday, May 26, community members, community-based organizations, cross-systems partners, health professionals, educators, youth changemakers, advocates, lawmakers, and technical leaders will convene for a two-day conference to deepen understanding, practice, and collaboration in Community Violence Intervention (CVI) ecosystems.

This two-day conference will highlight survivors, thought-leaders, community leaders, health professionals, local officials, and national experts leading the way in ending the gun violence epidemic.

The conference aims to raise Awareness of Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue, deepen Understanding of CVI Best-Practices, spark Connections and Collaboration, learn from Survivors taking action, and identify Sustainable Responses and Elevate Community-led Solutions to Gun Violence.

The Mayor’s Office has been a regular partner and has worked with conference organizers to provide comments and suggestions to inform conference activities, invited partners, post-conference events that may create regional alignment and more. This funding would support the overall conference and highlight Tacoma’s sponsorship as the hosting City of this conference that will become an annual event, hosted in different cities each year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:



Gun violence continues to be top of mind for Tacoma residents. From public comments, social media posts, and regular resident emails to the City we are hearing from the community that safety and gun violence are priorities that the city must address.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This conference focuses on grassroots leaders who are on the front lines addressing gun violence in their communities. The learning and discussions focus on lived experience of those in communities impacted by gun violence and working in that space every day. By centering local leaders and lived experience we are creating strong outcomes and more equitable and sustainable policies.

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.

Livability: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life. Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

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

The Conference will connect local residents and organizations with elected leadership and experts to create a shared learning space that aims to build trust together. These shared learning spaces will bring new resources, ideas, and alignment that strives to improve community safety and improve health outcomes across Tacoma.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Do not fund this request	More funds available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.	Conference organizers will need to raise more funds, and Tacoma will not be featured as a sponsor for the conference held in downtown Tacoma.
2. Increase funding for this request	Tacoma will be featured as a sponsor and partner during the conference hosted in Tacoma and featuring Tacoma grassroots leaders, and funding will be available to run the conference.	Less funding available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Following the conclusion of the conference the Mayor’s Office will compile learnings, next steps, and options for additional events and/or resources that can help Tacoma address gun violence.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend approval of this request to address the real need of gun violence prevention in our community by supporting learning and new opportunities for partnership and resources.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.1030- Council Contingency Fund	660000		\$10,000
TOTAL			\$10,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND

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

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

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:

- 2022-2023 council Contingency Commitments

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.

Resolution 41173

Council Requested - Mi Centro's First 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.

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Together We End Gun Violence Conference	\$	10,000.00
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A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Together We End Gun Violence Conference.

Starting Balance	\$	225,000.00
Total Amount Allocated	\$	84,300.00
Current Balance	\$	140,700.00