



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 \$2,500 to the City's 2023 Juneteenth Celebration – Requested for June 13, 2023
DATE: June 6, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor the City's 2023 Juneteenth Celebration.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Council Member Keith Blocker, and Council Member Kiara Daniels

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tacoma recognized the Juneteenth holiday for employees in 2022 and we held our first community celebration and inauguration of the Black Lives Matter mural at Tollefson Plaza.

The City of Tacoma Human Rights Commission recognizes that the celebration of Juneteenth offers our community the opportunity to reflect on the grievous and ongoing legacy of slavery and rededicate ourselves to rooting out the systemic racism that continues to plague our communities.

Juneteenth commemorates the events of June 19th, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger led Union soldiers into Galveston, Texas, bringing news that the Civil War had ended and that the Emancipation Proclamation had declared all enslaved people free nearly two and a half years earlier.

Juneteenth not only reminds us that our history remains stained by injustice but calls us to action to build a future for all of our children where systemic inequities that have created barriers for them no longer exist. Our country, and the City of Tacoma, cannot afford to repeat our past offenses that generated beliefs, policies and systems that were and are discriminatory, immoral, and inhumane.

The celebration of Juneteenth matters as a celebration of the liberation from beliefs, policies and systems that were and are discriminatory, immoral, and inhumane. It represents resistance, resilience, and Black Joy. Through this event, the City of Tacoma encourages our residents to reflect on the themes of Black and African American Liberation, Healing, and transformation for our city.

Funding will support painting supplies for the mural, advertising, dancing, music, performers, and speakers, as well as tables and chairs needed for the community fair.

The event will feature a number of activities, including:

- An interactive Black Lives Matter mural handprint activity
- A community resource fair
- Spoken word and dance performances
- Food available for purchase from a local food vendor



The Tacoma Art Museum is also hosting its “Free Thursday Neighborhood Night” during this event. A printed tour guide highlighting Black artists on view, curated by Victoria Miles, The Current’s Artist Award Manager, will be available for museum visitors.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The City’s Human Rights Commission was established to study and investigate problems of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination and to encourage and coordinate the implementation of programs consistent with the needs and the rights of all residents of the City of Tacoma. The Commission has been a leader in pushing for this event and advocated for Council support to host this event this year.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This free family friendly event and celebration of Juneteenth will happen in front of the Black Lives Matter Mural, and be surrounded by speakers, resources, and a community Fair with local organizations represented. The event will provide inspiration, history, and opportunities to engage in solutions in addressing systemic inequities.

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

History and sharing the knowledge of Juneteenth is vital to furthering understanding and equity in Tacoma. Through shared understanding and conversation, we can understand our past and ensure we do not repeat these vile actions in the future. It also brings to light the continued systemic oppression of black and brown communities and provides resources and information for people to engage in solutions.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund this request	More funds available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.	City will not host a Juneteenth Celebration in 2023

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Following the conclusion of the event, staff will report out on the event and plans for funding future events internally.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend approval of this request to support Juneteenth celebrations hosted by the City and the Human Rights Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1030- Council Contingency Fund	660000		\$2,500
TOTAL			\$2,500



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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.

Resolution 41181

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.

To Council June 13, 2023

Mitigating Impact of City's Light Rail Investment	\$	20,000.00
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Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support efforts to mitigate the impact of the City's light rail investment for the Hilltop Street Fair and Stadium Business District events.

To Council June 13, 2023

City of Tacoma 2023 Juneteenth Celebration	\$	2,500.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the City's 2023 Juneteenth Celebration.

To Council June 13, 2023

Summer Coding Workshop Series Sponsorship	\$	7,000.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure of up to \$7,000 to sponsor the Summer Coding Workshop Series developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab and hosted by Tacoma Public Libraries.

To Study Session June, 13 2023

Buffalo Solider Museum Event Sponsorship	\$	6,000.00
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Council contingency fund expenditure of \$6,000 to sponsor the Buffalo Soldiers Museum's event, "Honoring Our Military Labor Force."

Starting Balance	\$	225,000.00
Total Amount Allocated	\$	119,800.00
Current Balance	\$	105,200.00