



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

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Council Member Jamika Scott and Policy Analyst Christina Caan  
**COPIES TO:** Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to support the “Go Grit Go” Football Program**  
**DATE:** November 24, 2025

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**We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the “Go Grit Go” Football Program.**

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

**Council Contingency Fund Request:** We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support “Go Grit Go” Football, a community-based empowerment program hosted by the non-profit Goose Girls. The Go Grit Go Football program is designed to uplift and inspire young women through the sport of football. The program will host multiple skill clinics in Tacoma that teach football fundamentals, along with leadership and mentorship workshops, guest speakers from the Tacoma Grit professional women’s football team, and team building and community events in a safe, positive, and empowering atmosphere for young people.

- The program will be open to girls ages 8-18 interested in learning, growing, and becoming part of a powerful sisterhood through football. The program is also designed to foster cultural inclusion, celebrate diversity, and promote unity for young people both on and off the field.

The City of Tacoma’s funding for the Go Grit Go Football Program would help advance key priorities identified in the 2025 Strategic Plan, such as improving health outcomes and increasing the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.<sup>1</sup> Goose Girls will also include placement of the City logo on event posters and citywide promotional materials.

Funding would help provide the following:

- Free participation for young women ages 8-18; and
- Resources for training, such as footballs, cones, flags, and tackling bags; and
- Marketing and promotional materials; and
- Location resources, food, and drinks for participants; and
- Instruction and mentoring from professional coaches and players; and
- T-shirts for participants.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$10,000

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<sup>1</sup> [Tacoma Strategic Plan | City of Tacoma](#)

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: December 9, 2025

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council Member Jamika Scott has spent time discussing the importance of sports and the need for more opportunities for young women with community members. Council Member Scott also serves as the Co-Chair of the Executive Steering Committee for the City’s Building Resilience Against Youth Violence and Exploitation program, which aims to reduce youth violence and support development opportunities for young people.<sup>2</sup> In this role, Council Member Scott works closely with Neighborhood and Community Services, as well as other local agency leaders, to ensure community-based organizations offer valuable youth development and educational resources, mental health supports, and intervention services throughout our community.

### 2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Equity and Accessibility:** Sports offer an important opportunity for young people to engage in teamwork, learn leadership skills, and gain confidence. In addition, physical activity during adolescence is associated with positive health outcomes. However, the number of young people playing sports is declining and, by the age of 14, girls are twice as likely to drop out of sports as boys.<sup>3,4</sup> The Go Grit Go Football Program aims to ensure that girls thrive in sports by providing access to equipment, a safe environment, and a quality experience that is fun and rewarding. In addition, Go Grit Go Football focuses on celebrating diversity, building self-esteem, and promoting a positive body image for all young women, including through mentorship and positive role models.

**Education:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

**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

### ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not support Go Grit Go Football.	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	Go Grit Go Football would need to find alternative funding and support, potentially reducing the scope and scale of the program.

### EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

<sup>2</sup> [Violence Reduction & Community Support | City of Tacoma](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Fewer US Adolescents Playing Football and Public Health: A Review of Measures to Improve Safety and an Analysis of Gaps in the Literature - PMC](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Do You Know the Factors Influencing Girls’ Participation in Sports? - Women's Sports Foundation](#)

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION**

Sponsors recommend providing \$10,000 in Council contingency funds to support the Go Grit Go Football Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

\$10,000 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 or [ccaan@tacoma.gov](mailto:ccaan@tacoma.gov).



SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

\_\_\_\_\_ Council Member Jamika Scott \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES**

1. Victoria R. Woodards \_\_\_\_\_ POS# Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

2. Kiana Smith \_\_\_\_\_ POS# Deputy Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

3. [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ POS# 5 \_\_\_\_\_

## Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
<b>2025</b>	<b>\$ 321,709.00</b>
<b>Resolution 41610</b>	
<b>Council Requested – Golden Gloves Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
<b>Substitute Ordinance 29002</b>	
<b>Grand Cinema Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
<b>Substitute Ordinance 29002</b>	
<b>Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
<b>Resolution 41681</b>	
<b>Tacoma Porchfest</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
<b>Resolution 41968</b>	
<b>South Tacoma Green Blocks Program</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to Supplement the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.	
<b>Resolution 41724</b>	
<b>Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
<b>Resolution 41723</b>	
<b>BIPOC Health &amp; Wellness Fair</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
<b>Resolution 41140</b>	
<b>Grit of Destiny Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary	
<b>Resolution 41135</b>	
<b>Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.	
<b>Resolution 41757</b>	
<b>AIDNW</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$20,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest for their phone call fund.	
<b>Resolution 41773</b>	
<b>2nd Cycle Bike Stories</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories.	
<b>Resolution 41774</b>	
<b>Trick or Streets</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor Trick or Streets community event.	
<b>Resolution 41791</b>	
<b>Larchmont Community Schoolyard Project</b>	<b>\$ 32,380.44</b>
A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$32,380.44 in support of the Larchmont Community Schoolyard project.	
<b>Resolution 41799</b>	
<b>Year of Belonging</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Expenditure of \$25,000 to Sponsor Year Belonging Initiative	
<b>To Council December 2, 2025</b>	
<b>Tacoma a Rescue Mission's Youth Program</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Expenditure of \$10,000 to Support Expanded Services for the Tacoma Rescue Mission's Youth Program.	
<b>To Council December 2, 2025</b>	
<b>Tacoma Labor Task Force Standards Allocation Back to Council Contingency</b>	<b>\$ (50,000.00)</b>
A Resolution Cancelling Authorization for a Council Contingency Fund Expenditure in the amount of 50,000 as approved by Resolution 41735.	
<b>To Council December 2, 2025</b>	
<b>Holiday on Broadway Support and Ease of Activation Plan</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
A Resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$35,000 to support Holiday on Broadway and the plan to ease the activation of Broadway and other areas downtown.	
<b>To Council December 2, 2025</b>	
<b>Sister Cities Sign Installation</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$30,000 for matching funds to support the Sister Cities sign installation near Tollefson Plaza.	
<b>To Study Session December 2, 2025</b>	
<b>Go Grit Go – Football Program Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the "Go Grit Go" football program.	
<b>Starting Balance</b>	
	<b>\$ 321,709.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Allotted</b>	
	<b>\$ 312,380.44</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	
	<b>\$ 9,328.56</b>