



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

TO: Tacoma City Council
FROM: Mayor Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor Bucoda Warren
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council Contingency Fund Request to support the Peace Bus and the “Every Kid Eats” summer program – Requested for July 26, 2022**
DATE: July 14, 2022

I ask for your support for a \$2,500 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Peace Bus and the “Every Kid Eats” summer program.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request:

The Peace Bus, and its founder and heart Kwabi Amoah-Forson, are known for tireless humanitarian aid efforts around south Puget Sound. He's spent years advocating for peace, feeding hungry kids and offering essentials like clean socks to those struggling with homelessness. He even put on a TV show for kids amid the pandemic and took his peace bus to the southern border to speak with border patrol, and those impacted by immigration policies. Most recently, he has partnered with restaurants across Tacoma to ensure children can eat out this summer.

From July 1st until September, kids 18 and under in Tacoma will be able to go to designated restaurants everyday throughout the week and get a meal for free. Restaurants supporting this program include: Cooper's Food and Drink, Tacoma Pita Pit, Only Oatmeal Cookie Creations, Crisp Greens, Happy Belly, Buddy's Chicken & Waffles, and Shakabrah Java. Full details can be found on their website at thepeacebus.org.

In March of 2022, Mayor Woodards joined the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger. The alliance is focused on using the collective power of Mayors across the country to take meaningful actions to end childhood hunger in cities nationwide. This program is one immediate step to support food security for children in Tacoma while continuing to support larger efforts.

FUNDING REQUESTED:
\$ 2,500

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

This program will impact all children under 18 in Tacoma and their families. About 1 in 5 students in Tacoma Public Schools reported being food insecure, and almost half of Tacoma students qualify for free and reduced lunch. It will allow children to get meals at our local restaurants and give families the opportunity to eat out together this summer. Food access is important in Tacoma to address the many food deserts, and food insecurity that has been especially exasperated by the pandemic. Increasing opportunities for food access will address those we know are food insecure,

and help others who may be just above the qualifications for free and reduced lunch or other similar programs.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Federal Programs and partnerships with other agencies such as the Tacoma Public Schools can open opportunities to free food for children and meet many of the needs on a larger scale. However, grassroots efforts such as this that not only provide food directly to the community through local restaurants, is new. It also allows children to try new food they may not usually have access to, and builds more connection and support in the community for future efforts.

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.

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

Programs that continue to provide food access to students, especially opportunities to eat out and experience food the way many others are able to, helps to not only meet basic human needs, but allow new experiences and dignity in their access to food. This will improve health outcomes over time, and help both impacted families and the communities around to have a more positive perception of the livability of Tacoma.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund program	More funding available for emerging priorities in 2022	Less funding available to feed children over the summer
2.Increase funding to program	Additional funds available to feed children during the summer	Less funding available for future emerging needs in 2022

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Please include what performance measures and/or benchmarks you have identified that indicate success. Explain how you will follow up with staff and council to report success or changes.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Clearly state your recommendation and explain how your recommendation addresses the issue. Include next steps if appropriate. If you have a recommended effective date, enter here.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Bucoda Warren at 253-318-0594 or bwarren@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Mayor Victoria Woodards

2022 Council Contingency Commitments

2022-2023	\$	250,000.00
(Remaining balance from 2021 that will be carried over)	\$	88,592.09
Council Requested - Seed Internships	\$	31,000.00

Resolution 40919

A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$31,000 to fund the full or partial costs of five or more Tacoma-based small businesses or non-profits of hosting a Seed Internship.

Council Requested - Daffodil Parade	\$	20,000.00
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Resolution 40925

A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to be applied to the cost of in-kind services provided by the City of Tacoma such as traffic control devices and traffic control services.

Council Requested - Tacoma Reads	\$	10,000.00
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Resolution 40934

A request for City Council concurrence for a \$10,000 City Council Contingency Fund request to support the 2022 Tacoma Reads Together events.

Council Requested - Tacoma Refugee Choir	\$	25,000.00
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Resolution 40941

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$25,000 to assist the Tacoma Refugee Choir in funding the music video portion of their 2022 spring projects.

Council Requested - Litter Free 253	\$	2,500.00
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Resolution 40940

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to fund litter pick-up tools "litter grabbers," for the annual volunteer-led Litter Free 253 event.

Council Requested - South Sound Together	\$	12,000.00
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Resolution 40948

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$12,000 to fund grants that support community engagement programs sponsored through South Sound.

Council Requested - Multicultural Childcare Center	\$	5,000.00
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Resolution 40986

A Council Contingency Fund request to purchase infant formula to support the Multicultural Childcare Center formula drive.

Council Requested - LGBTQIA+ Pride Painting	\$	2,500.00
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Resolution 40994

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to fund three LGBTQ+ Pride painting projects including temporary rainbow crosswalks, permanent rainbow bricks, and temporary rainbow barriers.

Council Requested - Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma	\$	6,500.00
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Resolution 41000

A \$6,500 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma.

Council Requested - Safe Youth Awareness Campaign	\$	35,000.00
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Resolution 40995

A resolution authorizing the one time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$35,000, to fund the partial costs to develop and implement an eight-week Safe Youth Awareness Campaign beginning in July 2022.

Council Request - Korean Association Tacoma Building Renovation	\$	10,000.00
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To Council July 19, 2022

Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Korean Association of Tacoma building renovation.

Council Requested - Peace Bus "Every Kid Eats" Summer Program	\$	2,500.00
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To Council July 26, 2022

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to support the Peace Bus and the "Every Kid Eats" summer program

Starting Balance	\$	338,592.09
Total Amount Allocated	\$	162,000.00
Current Balance	\$	176,592.09