



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager’s Office  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Supporting funding for the 2019 Interfaith Women’s Conference –  
September 18, 2018  
**DATE:** September 12, 2018

**SUMMARY:**

The requested Resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds for the sponsorship of the Interfaith Women’s Conference scheduled for March 15-16, 2019.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Victoria Woodards  
Council Member Catherine Ushka  
Council Member Lillian Hunter

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

The strategic policy priorities best aligned with this action are:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.
- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Interfaith Women’s Conference began in 2017 as a biennial conference hosted by Associated Ministries to bring together women to experience the power of unity and to strengthen the community. The conference provides women with a forum to explore ways to work together to assist more people in need. Conference organizers are dedicated to engaging all women—those who are affiliated with a particular religious tradition as well as those of no specific faith.

The conference will feature speaker Elizabeth Smart, who is a survivor of child abduction. After being held in captivity for several months by her abductors, Elizabeth has gone on to use her traumatic experience to advocate for changes needed in child abduction, recovery programs, and national legislation. Elizabeth has also helped promote The National AMBER Alert, The Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act and other safety legislation to help prevent abductions. Through her story, she shares what it takes to overcome trauma and encourages those who have gone through similar experiences to find the strength needed to reclaim one’s life.

Conference organizers are working with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center and the YWCA to distribute free tickets to a number of domestic violence survivors to attend and have a brief meet-and-greet with Elizabeth Smart following her presentation. The provision of these free tickets is supported by the event funding.

The requested \$10,000 in funding would provide the following benefits to the City: Strengthening connections between diverse groups, increasing the ability of residents throughout the city to engage in public service, and providing a healing resource to those who have been impacted by trauma so that they may rise to their full potential. The funding request was shared by Mayor Woodards through a Council Consideration Request at the September 11, 2018 Study Session.



**ISSUE:**

In order to authorize the use of the City Council Contingency Funds for this purpose, a resolution must be adopted.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council could choose not to approve the requested expenditure. If this action were taken, Associated Ministries would need to recruit other sponsors to fill their financial needs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds to support the events planned for the 2019 Interfaith Women’s Conference.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	5310100	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	6311010	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
<b>TOTAL</b>			

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$10,000**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A**