



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

TO: Tacoma City Council

FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren

COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair. – Requested for July 22, 2025**

DATE: July 9, 2025

I ask for your support for a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request: The 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair, scheduled for July 26 at Tacoma's Eastside Community Center, is a vital initiative aimed at addressing persistent health disparities within Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Organized by Abundance Health LLC, this event offers free health screenings, educational sessions, and access to community resources, all designed to promote healthier lifestyles and bridge gaps in healthcare access. The 2024 iteration of the fair successfully brought together various community partners, providing attendees with access to wellness services, educational tools, and opportunities to strengthen their support networks. Building on this success, the 2025 event aims to expand its reach and impact, further solidifying its role as a cornerstone in Tacoma's efforts to promote health equity in East Tacoma and beyond.

We know that East Tacoma is a Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Community of Focus. People who live in these Communities of Focus experience greater challenges to earn an income that's not just livable but allows them to thrive. They also face barriers to access higher education and training. And those communities offer fewer options for affordable housing, transportation, and healthy foods. These factors all affect health and life expectancy. Communities of Focus is an essential program in our work to address systemic problems that harm people's well-being.

Funding will support efforts to expand the event and bring in vital resources and partners such as:

- Bloodworks NW to collect much needed blood,
- WA Department of Licensing to help individuals get identification cards
- Community Health Care will be providing free dental assessments.
- Virginia Mason Franciscan Health (there oncology, stroke health, & birthing center's departments), Carol Milgard Breast Center, 253 Therapy & Consult, Gilead Sciences, and MultiCare will all be in attendance.
- Washington Gun Responsibility will be distributing free gun lock boxes to promote community safety.

- AIDS Healthcare Foundation (they will provide STI & HIV testing), Leaders in Women's Health, and the Ebony Nurses Association (they will provide blood pressure screenings) will also be participating.

FUNDING REQUESTED:

\$ 5,000

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

Organizers have been working tirelessly to engage partners and resources to ensure the community can walk away with the resources, tools, skills, and the ability that's needed to provide care for themselves & their loved ones. Building on their success from last year, they are bringing in returning partners that community attendees loved, and expanding to other areas that were noted as interests.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Funding the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair would demonstrate the City of Tacoma's commitment to addressing health disparities within its communities. By supporting this event, the city invests in the well-being of its residents and reinforces its dedication to fostering inclusive, community-driven initiatives.

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)?

The 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair helps reduce health disparities and improve quality of life in Tacoma by offering free, culturally relevant health screenings, education, and resources to communities. By increasing access to preventive care, building trust in healthcare systems, and connecting residents with local services, the fair empowers individuals to take charge of their health and fosters long-term wellness in BIPOC communities.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund	More funding available for emergent issues	

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Staff will be working with organizers to ensure they bring in the partners they intend, and will receive a briefing after the event on estimated attendance and overall success of the event.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend approval of this resolution to support community wellness focused on our eastside neighborhoods.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$5,000 in appropriate reimbursable costs to the organization from the Council Contingency Fund.

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

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

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Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
2025	\$ 321,709.00
Resolution 41610	
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	\$ 50,000.00
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	\$ 25,000.00
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
Resolution 41681	
Tacoma Porchfest	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
Resolution 41968	
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	\$ 15,000.00
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.	
To Council July 15, 2025	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
To Council July 15, 2025	\$ 5,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
Starting Balance	\$ 321,709.00
Total Amount Allotted	\$ 125,000.00
Current Balance	\$ 196,709.00