



TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, City Manager’s Office
SUBJECT: Resolution – Authorizing use of \$50,000 from the City Council’s Contingency Fund for a competitive process to award funding to programs and projects that educate the public about Tacoma’s rich history and heritage. – June 16, 2015
DATE: May 13, 2015

SUMMARY:
Resolution authorizing use of \$50,000 from the City Council’s Contingency Fund for a competitive process to award funding to programs and projects that educate the public about Tacoma’s rich history and heritage.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:
Deputy Mayor Boe, Council Member Mello and Council Member Walker

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:
Programs and projects that educate the public about Tacoma’s rich history and heritage best align with the City Council Strategic Priorities of:

- *Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community; and*
- *Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.*

In addition, these programs and projects support the Equity and Empowerment Initiative of: *Purposeful Community Outreach and Engagement.*

BACKGROUND:
The Tacoma Historical Society, Historic Tacoma, Pierce County Heritage League, North Slope Historic District Association, and the Buffalo Soldiers Museum are all examples of organizations which celebrate and preserve Tacoma’s past. Currently, none of these organizations receive City support and staff has limited relationships and knowledge of their efforts and plans.

Funding programs and projects related to Tacoma’s history would allow staff to strengthen their relationships with these groups. Additionally, enhancing preservation and heritage activities is a priority in the City’s Comprehensive Plan and consistent with the City Council’s Strategic Policy Priorities. Elevating the profile that history plays in our civic identity is important to the City Council and our partners in the community.

At the May 12, 2015 Study Session, Council Member Walker shared a Council Consideration Request for the City Council to use \$50,000 from their Contingency Fund and request the City Manager direct the Historic Preservation Office staff to define specific guidelines, outcomes and final funding amounts for programs and projects that educate the public about Tacoma’s rich history and heritage. In addition, staff would conduct an open competitive process with specific criteria developed for evaluating the impact, need and effectiveness of applicants’ proposed projects and programs.

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



ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could reject the use of the Contingency Funds for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the use of the Contingency Funds based on the discussion at the May 12th Study Session about the community benefit of these programs and projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 – Council Contingency	660000	5330100	\$50,000
TOTAL			\$50,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
TOTAL			

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: \$50,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? The City Council Contingency Fund has appropriation authority allowing for the expenditure of requested funds.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.