



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

**TO:** Tacoma City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Victoria 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  
Homelessness Solutions Convening with UWT**  
**DATE:** December 6, 2022

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**I ask for your support for a \$20,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the convening of community conversations at the University of Washington Tacoma to focus on solutions to homeless in 2023.**

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT:**

**Council Contingency Fund Request:**

The Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance 28430, on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, declaring a state of public health emergency, and has subsequently extended the ordinance several times with the current metric for completion changing from a fixed date until 95% of individuals unsheltered individuals identified during the annual Pierce County Point-in-Time count have access to shelter for three consecutive years.

Addressing Homelessness and finding upstream solutions to affordable housing continue to be high priorities for the City Council as seen in the most recent biennial budget adoption where over \$101 Million has been dedicated to these issues. Though there are significant actions being taken to address the need, Mayor Woodards believes that we can find new and innovative partnerships through community conversations. To bring together community partners Mayor Woodards is partnering with University of Washington Chancellor Sheila Edwards-Lange to convene the community to learn about the current state of homelessness in the new biennium, and find solutions together to a common issue. By partnering with the University we can work alongside faculty and students to provide not only a valuable learning experience for students, but learn from them and the faculty and their expertise.

This funding would support the space to convene the community, food for participants, and materials for facilitation and support for the classrooms.

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**  
\$ 20,000

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):**

Homeless has continued to be a top priority for the City Council, as shown in multiple Council Priority setting meetings, biennial budgets, and through multiple community surveys. There is no question that the community continues to prioritize addressing homelessness in Tacoma.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

Though the City is continuing actions to address homelessness across Tacoma, there continues to be a strong need for community involvement in that work. Convening a community conversation provides the opportunity for the City to bring new perspectives and engage folks with lived experience that can guide our efforts and improve the outcomes for our community. Positively impacting our homelessness response efforts can improve living conditions not only for the many residents and businesses impacted, but those experiencing homelessness which are most often our most marginalized communities.

**Economy/Workforce:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the percentage of people relocating to the city and affordability of housing compared to neighboring jurisdictions.

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

Increase the number of college students that find employment and remain in Tacoma after post-secondary completion.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting. Representation at public meetings will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

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

The conversation will be focused on immediate actions to address homelessness, and upstream solutions to housing and supportive services. This will help to impact the overall perception of safety and quality of life in Tacoma, and people moving to Tacoma for our affordable housing. The conversation and partnership with UWT will also support civic participation in government policy, and bring together a diverse array of people for the conversation. By supporting classrooms this conversation may help to support students remaining in Tacoma if they find a passion or career in supporting homelessness and housing.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Do not pass resolution	More funding available for emerging issues in the current biennium	Funding will not be allocated for a known convening and will require funding from unbudgeted sources.

**EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:**

Following the convening of the community conversation, a report will be presented to the Council summarizing the conversations and any next steps, including possible actions for Council to consider.

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The sponsors recommend approval and adoption of the resolution so funding will be budgeted for the convening in 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**


\$20,000 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](mailto:bwarren@cityoftacoma.org).

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: *Victoria R. Woodards*  
Mayor Victoria Woodards

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES**

1.  POS# 1

2.  POS# 8

**2022 Council Contingency Commitments**

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>(Remaining balance from 2021 that will be carried over)</b>	<b>\$ 85,521.09</b>
<b>Council Requested - Seed Internships</b>	<b>\$ 31,000.00</b>

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.

<b>Council Requested - Daffodil Parade</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Reads</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Refugee Choir</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Requested - Litter Free 253</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Requested - South Sound Together</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Requested - Multicultural Childcare Center</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40986  
A Council Contingency Fund request to purchase infant formula to support the Multicultural Childcare Center formula drive.

<b>Council Requested - LGBTQIA+ Pride Painting</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Requested - Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>
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Resolution 41000  
A \$6,500 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma.

<b>Council Requested - Safe Youth Awareness Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
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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.

<b>Council Request - Korean Association Tacoma Building Renovation</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41004  
Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Korean Association of Tacoma building renovation.

<b>Council Requested - Peace Bus "Every Kid Eats" Summer Program</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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Resolution 41015  
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to support the Peace Bus and the "Every Kid Eats" summer program

<b>Council Requested - Hilltop Street Fair</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41018  
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to fund entertainment and arts programming at the 2022 Hilltop Street Fair sponsored by the Hilltop Business Association.

<b>Council Requested - UWT Celebrando Comunidad 2022 -Latinx Celebration and Awards</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41028  
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to support the 2nd Annual University of Washington Tacoma Celebrando Comunidad: Latinx Celebration and Awards.

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41042  
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to support the Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards.

<b>Council Requested - Youth Commission of Tacoma Travel to NLC</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41046  
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma travel to the National League of Cities Conference

<b>Council Requested - 2022 Santa Parade</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41074  
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the 2022 Santa Parade

<b>Council Requested - Dia de Los Muertos Event</b>	<b>\$ 9,019.84</b>
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To Council December 13, 2022  
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$9,019.84 to fund barricades that supported the community-organized and Tacoma Creates-sponsored Dia de los Muertos procession on October 29, 2022 and incurred this unexpected expense.

<b>Council Requested - Faith Community Audit</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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To Study Session December 13, 2022  
A Resolution allocating \$10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support a faith community audit

<b>Council Requested - Homelessness Solutions Convening with UWT</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
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To Study Session December 13, 2022  
A \$20,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the convening of community conversations at the University of Washington Tacoma to focus on solutions to homelessness in 2023.

<b>Council Requested - Supporting Ukrainian Refugees</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
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To Study Session December 13, 2022  
A contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support the Tacoma Community House in assisting Ukrainian refugees with direct client specific assistance for essential needs and programs.

<b>Council Requested - LeRoy Clock</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
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To Study Session December 13, 2022  
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of up to \$35,000 for the restoration of the LeRoy Street Clock on Broadway Street in downtown Tacoma.

<b>Council Request - Links to Opportunity Project Office</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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To Study Session December 13, 2022  
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to fund existing Public Works Department and Community and Economic Development Department staff to provide education and outreach for the Links to Opportunity project during the construction phase to communicate broadly, consistently, and in real time so that community can actively participate in meaningful dialog to address concerns and issues during construction.

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$ 338,521.09</b>
<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	<b>\$ 296,019.84</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 42,521.25</b>