



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner – Requested for July 22, 2025.
DATE: July 16, 2025

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards and Council Members John Hines and Sarah Rumbaugh.

BACKGROUND:

The Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner will be a signature event commemorating Tacoma's Sesquicentennial, or 150 years since the city's founding. This milestone celebration, taking place in November 2025, presents a unique opportunity to reflect on Tacoma's rich history, honor the people and stories that have shaped our city, and inspire a shared vision for the future.

The Destiny Dinner will feature a newly produced documentary highlighting Tacoma's historic journey, live performances from local cultural organizations that represent the vibrancy and diversity of our community, and recognition of individuals who have made significant, lasting contributions to the city's growth and identity.

Funding will support costs such as production of the documentary, advertising and program printing, invitations and mailers, supplies, and catering for the event itself.

In addition to helping support this milestone event, the City's financial support will provide a Full-page ad in event program, City Logo on banners, Prominent recognition in pre-event marketing as lead sponsor, Prominent recognition on Tacoma Historical Society website and social media platforms, and 2 tables for guests at the event.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The Historical Society has been working with partners to advertise the event and find additional supporters. They will continue reaching out to the general public throughout the summer and fall to advertise for attendance at the end, and viewing of the new video.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: This milestone offers a powerful opportunity to acknowledge and uplift the diverse communities, voices, and contributions that have shaped Tacoma, many of which have historically been underrepresented in traditional narratives.

By supporting this event, the City helps ensure that Tacoma's Sesquicentennial is not just a reflection of the past, but a celebration that centers equity, cultural recognition, and community connection. The Destiny Dinner's inclusive programming featuring local cultural performances and recognition of community leaders intentionally creates space for all residents to see themselves in Tacoma's history and future.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity



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Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

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)?

In alignment with the Council's commitment to cultural preservation, civic pride, and community engagement, this funding supports an event that uplifts Tacoma's legacy while fostering a deeper sense of belonging and continuity among its residents. This can lead to increased engagement in volunteer opportunities and a greater perception of the quality of life for the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1.Do not fund	More funding available for emergent issues	

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Council and staff will be present at the event and will be working with partners to ensure the event is well publicized. Following the event staff can confirm event attendance, and receive documentary for additional distribution.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend approval of this resolution to support this milestone celebration of Tacoma's diverse and storied history.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.Council Contingency Fund	660000		\$10,000
TOTAL			\$10,000



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What Funding is being used to support the expense?

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2025-2026 Council Contingency Commitments

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