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SUBJECT: Resolution – Funding to Support Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019–
December 18, 2018
DATE: December 12, 2018

SUMMARY:

Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000 of Council Contingency Funds for expenses related to the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards and Council Members McCarthy and Thoms

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.

BACKGROUND:

The Mayor, City and County leaders (including Council Members), and the Health Department have made a commitment for shared vision and future through various task force committees and the City’s ten-year strategic plan, Tacoma 2025. In 2017, Pierce County Councilmember Derek Young and Tacoma City Council Member Conor McCarthy convened representatives from multiple sectors as the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force. The Pierce County Council declared a “State of Opioid Crisis,” which paralleled a Presidential declaration, and sent a letter to Governor Jay Inslee urging him to declare Pierce County in a state of emergency. The City of Tacoma filed a lawsuit in 2017 against three opioid manufacturers and the county followed suit in early 2018.

In February 2018, the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force convened a community summit on the opioid epidemic to get input for an action plan. More than 150 leaders from cities, healthcare, social services, fire, public health, law enforcement, and criminal justice joined together in discussion. Members of the County’s Congressional Delegation were also in attendance. Task Force leaders used the information gathered at the summit to plan implementation of an action plan.

The Tacoma Pierce County Opioid Task Force action plan focuses on wellness and the whole spectrum of prevention in its three domains: 1) Prevention/education, 2) Access to treatment, and 3) Ensuring “the right services at the right time.” Task Force leaders recruited volunteers to serve on a committee under each of these domains and refine the goals and work plans for committees. Committees are currently executing their work plans.

Access to Treatment Committee priorities:

Increase uptake of provider use of suboxone.

1. Training for more primary care providers, first responders (referrals) and substance use disorder (SUD) providers.
2. Warm line for provider support.
3. Provider marketing and education.



Right Services, Right Time Committee priorities:

1. Develop a clear intake tool for first responders & law enforcement to assess readiness for opioid SUD treatment services and where to take people.
2. Increase awareness of the District Court’s Resource Center.
3. Support partners’ efforts to provide diversion programs
 - a. City of Tacoma’s Safe Stations pilot project.
 - b. Expansion of Tacoma Fire Department’s Cares and community paramedicine programs among Pierce County Fire/EMS agencies.

Prevention/Education Committee priorities:

1. Implement/expand evidence-based health-risk behavior (including substance abuse) school programs.
2. Conduct education, outreach, and social marketing to parents and community members to create positive norms and behaviors for youth.
3. Utilize peer/recovery coaches for youth that are using opioids and/or other drugs.
4. Pilot evidence-based screening and referral program at a local high school.
5. Increase acceptance of substance use disorder as a disease that can be managed via education, outreach and social marketing.

The Task Force will reconvene a broad group of community leaders to report on their work and outcomes at the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019. This summit will also be critical for defining the purpose and scope of the Task Force’s continued work in 2019 and beyond.

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$5,000 of Council Contingency Funds to support the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	5310100	\$5,000
TOTAL			\$5,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:



FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	6311010	\$5,000
TOTAL			\$5,000

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$5,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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