



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager’s Office
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Funding to Support the 2019 Tacoma Roots’ Summit Events – December 18, 2018
DATE: December 5, 2018

SUMMARY:

Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000 of Council Contingency Funds to support the 2019 Tacoma Roots’ Summit Events; and, directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Citizens for a Healthy Bay for the City’s sponsorship.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards and Council Members Blocker and Mello

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.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

BACKGROUND:

In August of 2017, a group of Tacoma residents founded “Tacoma Roots: Environmental Justice Forum.” Tacoma Roots is an anti-racist environmental justice community forum for learning and discussion which strives to provide a safe place to engage in conversations about environmental issues, especially as they intersect with race, justice, health, community, and equity—with a focus on Tacoma and Pierce County.

In addition to being an online forum, Tacoma Roots hosts a summit event once a season to bring people together to discuss environmental justice and sustainability issues. Tacoma Roots has held three events in 2018 on the topics of Tideflats Subarea Plan, Health Disparities in Pierce County, and Affordable Housing. The events were of significant community interest and well attended, generating meaningful community conversation on sustainability and issues that directly impact the quality of life in Tacoma. This work has relied heavily on grassroots volunteerism and in-kind donations, including a significant partnership with Evergreen State College.

The work being done by the Tacoma Roots: Environmental Justice Forum directly supports the Tacoma 2025 goals to have outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment. Additionally, Tacoma Roots’ unique approach educates and enables a broad cross-section of the community to take part in conversations on sustaining our natural environment and providing a healthy Tacoma for generations to come.

This request would provide funding through Citizens for a Healthy Bay for city sponsorship of four 2019 Tacoma Roots’ Summit events, which will ensure the continuation of these valuable events by supporting Tacoma Roots’ ongoing goals to expand outreach, provide speaker fees, and increase youth engagement.



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 provide funding through Citizens for a Healthy Bay for city sponsorship of four 2019 Tacoma Roots' Summit events, which will ensure the continuation of these valuable events by supporting Tacoma Roots' ongoing goals to expand outreach, provide speaker fees, and increase youth engagement.

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