



RESOLUTION NO. 41107

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 RUMBAUGH AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$20,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting
5 the Tacoma Community House in assisting Ukrainian refugees with direct
6 client-specific assistance for essential needs and programs.

7 WHEREAS, over the past 12 months, the Tacoma Community House (“TCH”)
8 has experienced a dramatic influx of Ukrainian refugees due to the unprovoked
9 invasion of their country, and

10 WHEREAS resettlement relief typically flows from the Federal to State
11 government though to the county; however, access to those funds has not been
12 secured due to the path refugees are taking to enter Pierce County, and

13 WHEREAS, due to its historic connections to Ukrainian immigrant and
14 refugee communities, the TCH has taken a lead on welcoming Ukrainian refugees
15 to Tacoma and Pierce County while Pierce County coordinates a long-term
16 strategy to access funding and address the needs of this refugee community, and

17 WHEREAS more than 230 individuals are enrolled in English classes,
18 seeking employment and immigration services, and

19 WHEREAS TCH has developed and implemented a Language Access Plan
20 and hired four additional ELA teachers, and has filled all its classes, and

21 WHEREAS TCH has also hired three Ukrainian case workers: (1) a
22 Resource Navigator, to assist clients by reducing communication barriers and
23 provide integration resources and outreach to the existing Ukrainian community in
24 Pierce County; (2) an Immigration Case Worker, to support immigration and work
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eligibility status; and (3) a Jobs Developer, to work across all TCH departments in assisting clients find meaningful work and connecting with area employers to host job fairs and employment workshops, and

WHEREAS, at the December 13, 2022, Study Session, Deputy Mayor Ushka shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the TCH in assisting Ukrainian refugees with direct client-specific assistance for essential needs and programs, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now, Therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Tacoma Community House in assisting Ukrainian refugees with direct client-specific assistance for essential needs and programs.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney