



**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: **A resolution allocating \$10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support a faith community audit.**
DATE: December 6, 2022

I ask for your support for a Resolution allocating \$10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support a faith community audit.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Resolution/Ordinance Request: At the end of 2020 through Resolution 40668, the City Council allocated funding to various projects from the Council Contingency Fund for a comprehensive package of expenses aligned with community needs in the 2019-2020 biennium, including a community faith audit in the amount of \$25,000. Faith community audits enable congregations to work together to map and measure their social and economic impacts across communities. Once complete, the results allow members of the faith community to identify and create new opportunities to partner with government, business, media and other sectors of civic society in service to the community. Mayor Woodards envisions the faith audit as one step in a larger vision to harness and align the powerful and compassionate drive to service already present in our community to meet larger human needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed implementation of this project, and this year work began again in partnership with Associated Ministries to start the faith audit. Since the original approval of funding, costs have increased including the support of Associated Ministries to staff the audit and coordinate community engagement. This resolution requests a \$10,000 contingency fund request to bring the total amount approved for this project to \$35,000. If funded, the work will be in early 2023 after contracting is completed.

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: December 20, 2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

In conversations with community members during COVID-19, Mayor Woodards has heard from many residents with a strong desire assist their neighbors. At the same time, she has also heard from a rising number of community members experiencing new or heightened levels of need due to the impacts of the pandemic, and these conversations have continued even as the immediate needs of the pandemic are lessening. Residents and partners are also wanting to coordinate the resources the faith community may have to align efforts in areas such as food insecurity and homelessness.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The faith community has long been serving Tacoma and our neighbors that are most likely to need additional support through food kitchens and food banks, volunteer projects and cleanups, and through provision of services like homeless shelter and warming shelters. There are many partnerships the city has formed to align the community to growing needs, though this is often done in pieces, rather than through an organized effort. Through this audit the City will know where resources are in the faith community to work with these communities to provide more organized efforts for our marginalized communities to meet the community’s greatest needs.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

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

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

Aligning faith community resources can help to ensure we can plug gaps in services and support each other rather than doing a broad open call or working in one-off situations. This will lead to better health outcomes and better community support for needed social programs provided by the faith community. All of which will improve the positive perceptions of Tacoma’s quality of life.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not pass resolution	Additional contingency funds available for emerging issues	Faith audit will not have the funding needed to fully implement the work.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

The city will be working in partnership with Associated Ministries over the next year to bring together faith leaders to conduct this audit through the NAYBA framework, and will receive a completed report at the end of the data collection and evaluation process.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The sponsors recommend passage of this resolution to ensure the faith community audit can be implemented in 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$10,000 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.

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

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1.  _____ POS# 4

2.  _____ POS# 8

2022 Council Contingency Commitments

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

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.

Council Requested - Daffodil Parade	\$ 20,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - Tacoma Reads	\$ 10,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - Tacoma Refugee Choir	\$ 25,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - Litter Free 253	\$ 2,500.00
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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.

Council Requested - South Sound Together	\$ 12,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - Multicultural Childcare Center	\$ 5,000.00
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Resolution 40986

A Council Contingency Fund request to purchase infant formula to support the Multicultural Childcare Center formula drive.

Council Requested - LGBTQIA+ Pride Painting	\$ 2,500.00
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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.

Council Requested - Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma	\$ 6,500.00
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Resolution 41000

A \$6,500 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma.

Council Requested - Safe Youth Awareness Campaign	\$ 35,000.00
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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.

Council Request - Korean Association Tacoma Building Renovation	\$ 10,000.00
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Resolution 41004

Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Korean Association of Tacoma building renovation.

Council Requested - Peace Bus "Every Kid Eats" Summer Program	\$ 2,500.00
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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

Council Requested - Hilltop Street Fair	\$ 10,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - UWT Celebrando Comunidad 2022 -Latinx Celebration and Awards	\$ 5,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards	\$ 5,000.00
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Resolution 41042

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to support the Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards.

Council Requested - Youth Commission of Tacoma Travel to NLC	\$ 5,000.00
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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

Council Requested - 2022 Santa Parade	\$ 5,000.00
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Resolution 41074

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the 2022 Santa Parade

Council Requested - Dia de Los Muertos Event	\$ 9,019.84
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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.

Council Requested - Faith Community Audit	\$ 10,000.00
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To Study Session December 13, 2022

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Council Requested - Homelessness Solutions Convening with UWT	\$ 20,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - Supporting Ukrainian Refugees	\$ 20,000.00
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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.

Council Requested - LeRoy Clock	\$ 35,000.00
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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.

Council Request - Links to Opportunity Project Office	\$ 10,000.00
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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.

Starting Balance	\$ 338,521.09
Total Amount Allocated	\$ 296,019.84
Current Balance	\$ 42,521.25