

## **RESOLUTION NO. 40012**

A RESOLUTION relating to the services to the community; authorizing the waiver of competitive procurement procedures as deemed in the best interests of the City, and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with South Sound Outreach Services, in the amount of \$71,123, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the General Fund, for a total of \$402,299, to provide financial empowerment supportive services for seniors, and to add employer engagement activities to the Tacoma Training and Employment Program, for an initial period ending December 31, 2018.

WHEREAS in 2016, the Community Needs Assessment identified more than 25,000 adults aged 65 or older that live in the City, with 16.5% of these adults living in poverty, and

WHEREAS this amendment will allow South Sound Outreach Services ("SSOS") to provide financial empowerment workshops and case management for City residents of 60 years of age and older, and will address financial needs, teach classes on financial topics important to seniors, including fraud prevention, managing benefits, budgeting, and helpful money habits, and

WHEREAS the program will form relationships with senior centers, AARP, Pierce County Aging & Disability Resources, church groups, clinics, and hospitals to reach out to members of this age group who are at risk of losing housing, and will partner closely with South Sound Outreach Statewide Health Insurance Advisors staff and volunteers to align financial counseling efforts with Medicare information, counseling, and enrollment opportunities, and

WHEREAS the increase in funding will also add employer engagement activities to the existing Tacoma Training and Employment Program ("TTEP"),



which focuses resources to provide employment readiness training, case management services, participant support services, participation in a pre-apprenticeship training program, job placement assistance, and third-party evaluation, and

WHEREAS recruitment efforts focus on, but are not limited to, young adults, ages 18-24, who are residents of the Lincoln District and Community Empowerment Zone, women, minorities, those transitioning from public benefits, those with limited English-speaking abilities, and young adults involved in other City-funded programs or initiatives, and

WHEREAS Neighborhood and Community Services is recommending approval of a contract amendment with SSOS in the amount of \$50,600, for financial empowerment workshops, case management for City residents of 60 years of age, and employer engagement activities in the amount of \$20,523, to the TTEP program for a total of \$71,123, sales tax not applicable, for an initial period through December 31, 2018; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma authorizes the wavier of the competitive procurement procedures as deemed in the best interests of the City.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with South Sound Outreach Services in the amount of \$71,123, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the General Fund, for



a total of \$402,299, to provide financial empowerment supportive services for seniors, and to add employer engagement activities to the Tacoma Training and Employment Program, for an initial period ending December 31, 2018, said agreement to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk. Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Attest: City Clerk Approved as to form: **Deputy City Attorney** 

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