



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Council Member Kristina Walker and Policy Analyst Christina Caan

COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to sponsor 2nd Cycle’s Bike Stories 2025**

DATE: September 24, 2025

We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle’s Bike Stories 2025.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Council Contingency Fund Request: We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle’s Bike Stories 2025. Bike Stories raises essential funds to support 2nd Cycle’s mission of empowering youth, engaging the community, and advocating for safer, more equitable cycling in Tacoma. With the City’s sponsorship, 2nd Cycle can continue expanding opportunities for riders of all ages and backgrounds while celebrating the role bikes play in building a connected, resilient Tacoma. This event will also feature Community Awards for individuals who exemplify 2nd Cycle’s five strategic pillars, including community hub, youth empowerment and education, advocacy for safer cycling in Tacoma, serving under-resourced populations, and reflecting the diversity of Tacoma.

- 2nd Cycle is a non-profit organization working to build a stronger, more connected community through the joy of cycling.¹ Their mission is to demystify and normalize bike riding as a part of daily life and to make the joy of bike riding accessible to all, while also helping community members see the bicycle as a tool for personal and community empowerment.
- 2nd Cycle has served more than 1,300 young people through their community programs.² These programs include: “Let’s Go” and “Let’s Keep Going” Programs to deliver elementary, middle, and high school cycling education through the statewide school-based bicycle safety curriculum; “Teens Biking to Destinations” to build riding skills, confidence, and independence for middle and high school students; “Safe Routes to School” to manage school-based bicycle safety programming, bike rodeos, and traffic gardens to reach hundreds of students annually; and a “Youth Diversion Program” to partner with juvenile courts to provide constructive alternatives for young people, using bicycle education and repair skills to build confidence and reduce recidivism.

2nd Cycle and the celebration of bike culture plays a vital role in advancing multiple goals and priorities outlined in several of the City’s strategic plans. The 2025 Climate Action Plan Update calls for the City to undertake a range of activities aimed at promoting more active transportation and

¹ [Second Cycle | Bike Shop, Cycling Advocacy, and Community Events](#)

² [Programs & Registration | Second Cycle](#)

completing the City's bicycle network to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.³ Part of the City's Vision Zero goals also include educating community members about safety for all road users, including bicycles.⁴ In addition, the Community Safety Action Strategy recognizes the need to go beyond policing and crime enforcement to deepen the community's perceptions of safety.⁵ This includes fostering safer environments for active transportation. Finally, 2nd Cycle is an important partner in advancing the City's livability, inclusion, and accessibility goals outlined in the Tacoma 2025 Framework, including improving health outcomes.⁶

- The City of Tacoma's sponsorship would include the following items: recognition as an official sponsor of Bike Stories 2025; City logo placement on event poster, program, and website; acknowledgment in social media and event promotions; verbal recognition during the event program; and the opportunity to celebrate alongside 100+ community members, elected officials, and leaders committed to building a stronger bike culture in Tacoma.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$2,500

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: October 7, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community members have expressed a strong desire for expanded support for active transportation. Numerous community members have also spoken publicly at City Council meetings about the challenges they face regarding equitable and safe cycling in Tacoma. In addition, the City's Community Survey shows a robust interest in improving bike infrastructure, with nearly 40 percent of respondents expressing that they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the ease of bicycle travel in Tacoma.⁷

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: 2nd Cycle welcomes and offers support to all community members regardless of race, age, culture, ability, ethnicity or nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, religious affiliation, and socioeconomic status. Their website shares statements that reject any discrimination in their shop or organization.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

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

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

³ [2030 Climate Action Plan, 2025 Update | City of Tacoma](#)

⁴ [Vision Zero | City of Tacoma](#)

⁵ [Community Safety Action Strategy | City of Tacoma](#)

⁶ [City of Tacoma 2025](#)

⁷ [Tacoma Community Survey 2024.pdf](#)

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not fund the sponsorship	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	The event organizers may need to reduce the scope and scale of the event, decreasing the ability of 2 nd Cycle to fundraise and provide community benefit.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will receive the sponsorship benefits outlined above and provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

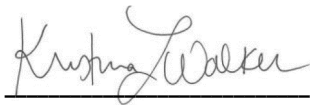
Sponsors recommend providing \$2,500 in Council contingency funds to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

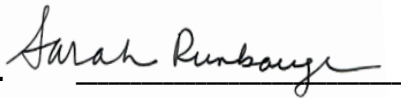
\$2,500 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:


Council Member Kristina Walker

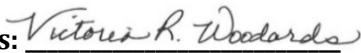
SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

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POS# 2

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POS# 4

Mayor's Initials: 

Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
2025	\$ 321,709.00
Resolution 41610	
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	\$ 50,000.00
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	\$ 25,000.00
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
Resolution 41681	
Tacoma Porchfest	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
Resolution 41968	
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	\$ 15,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to Supplement the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.	
Resolution 41724	
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
Resolution 41723	
BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair	\$ 5,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
Resolution 41140	
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	\$ 15,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary	
Resolution 411735	\$ 50,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.	
Resolution 41757	\$ 20,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$20,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest for their phone call fund.	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	\$ 2,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	\$ 7,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor Trick or Streets community event	
Starting Balance	\$ 321,709.00
Total Amount Allotted	\$ 220,000.00
Current Balance	\$ 101,709.00