



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 Address and Manage Impacts of Exploitation and Sexual Assault – November 14, 2018
DATE: November 20, 2018

SUMMARY:

The requested Resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$6,500 of Council Contingency Funds to fund tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault; and directs the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement outlining the scope of work and deliverables for the funding with the non-profit organization Rock, Paper, Scissors.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards and Council Members Hunter and Ushka

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
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning

BACKGROUND:

The "Me Too" Movement, founded in 2006 by Tarana Burke, was created to address both the lack of resources for survivors of sexual violence and to build a community of advocates, driven by survivors, at the forefront of creating solutions that interrupt the sexual violence happening in their communities. The Me Too Movement became part of the national dialogue last October, when the related hashtag (#metoo) went viral, accompanied by the stories of women coming forward to share their stories of sexual harassment, violence, and assault. Since that time, the news has continued to be punctuated by stories of sexual assault and harassment at local, state, and national levels.

The Council Contingency Requests for \$6,500 would be allocated according to a proposal provided by the City Manager and Neighborhood and Community Services Director. The funding would provide up to 100 Tacoma residents with tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault through a community event which will:

- Specifically target women who have dealt with sexual assault on the job, in the military, in school, or in church;
- Connect women, including survivors, in dialogue on prevention, intervention, and overcoming sexual assault;
- Provide access to community experts, such as psychologist, medical doctors, legal professionals, counselors, advocates, and survivors through panel discussion;
- Provide attendees with sexual assault and human trafficking resource guides and book; and,
- Teach participants what to do when assault and abuse occur and how to manage the impacts.



The intent is for this funding to begin to address the lack of resources available, acknowledge the deep impact that these traumatic events have on the lives of Tacoma residents, and provide support for residents who have experienced sexual assault or harassment. At the November 13, 2018 Study Session, a Council Consideration Request was discussed to bring a resolution forward for Council consideration for the use of Council Contingency Funding for this purpose.

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 \$6,500 of Council Contingency Funds to provide tools to address and manage exploitation and sexual assault.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	5310100	\$6,500
TOTAL			\$6,500

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	6311010	\$6,500
TOTAL			

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$6,500

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A