



## RESOLUTION NO. 40668

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE AND  
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3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of \$282,000, budgeted from  
4 the Council Contingency Fund, for a comprehensive package of expenses  
5 aligned with community needs in the 2019-2020 biennium, including: the  
6 purchase of body worn cameras for Tacoma Police Department personnel,  
7 a council-requested fossil fuel study, language access and translation  
8 services, the City's portion of funding 2020 activities of the South Sound  
9 Housing Affordability Partners, a faith community audit, and virtual  
10 programming for all ages in conjunction with the 2020 Tacoma Reads  
11 program.

12 WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, 2020 has been an unprecedented year in  
13 which city operations, policy processes, and budget development were adapted in  
14 response to multiple declarations of emergency, and

15 WHEREAS these changes have altered the pacing of typical allocations of  
16 Council Contingency Funds, leaving the remaining balance unassigned as the City  
17 enters the final quarter of the biennial budget, and

18 WHEREAS in order to efficiently allocate these dollars in a way that aligns  
19 with community needs and allows staff time to remain focused on other key  
20 initiatives, Mayor Woodards has put together a package of Council Contingency Fund  
21 ("Fund") requests for the Deputy Mayor and Council's consideration, and

22 WHEREAS body worn cameras for Tacoma Police Department ("TPD")  
23 officers were a recommendation of the City's Project PEACE initiative, and this  
24 Fund allocation would provide \$150,000 to support the purchase of body worn  
25 cameras for TPD beginning in January 2021, and  
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WHEREAS in two different actions in November and December of 2019, the Council requested the Fossil Fuel Study (“Study”) associated with the Tideflats Interim Regulations to bolster the limited information that staff had been providing and continues to provide in support of the Interim Regulations renewals, and

WHEREAS the Study was envisioned to include an initial comprehensive baseline report and inventory along with three additional reports on a quarterly basis, with an estimated cost of up to \$50,000 in consultant services, and staff submitted a waiver for direct solicitation in February 2020, which was approved, and negotiation with BERK Consulting began, and

WHEREAS staff furloughs and budget reductions earlier this year due to COVID-19 delayed these efforts, however Planning and Development Services has indicated that City staff and the consultants have capacity to move forward with the study if necessary funding is allocated and this resolution allocates \$47,000 toward this cause, and

WHEREAS as part of the City’s efforts to expand community engagement, increase access to information, and expand civic participation, City elected leaders and staff have been looking for ways to provide improved language access, including real-time Spanish translation of virtual town hall events during COVID-19, and

WHEREAS at the September 1, 2020, Study Session, the Mayor and City Council advocated for an enhanced fall budget outreach process with a strong focus on reaching broadly into the community, including improved language access,



and the Office of Management and Budget is in conversations with community  
1 partners on how they can work in collaboration to meet this goal, and

2 WHEREAS with one-time funds of \$25,000, the City Council would be  
3 supporting enhanced outreach on the City Manager's proposed budget as well as  
4 language access, translation services, and enhanced communications as needed  
5 while standing up the community-led systems transformation efforts outlined in  
6 Resolution No. 40622, and

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8 WHEREAS households in all jurisdictions and income ranges (including  
9 those making more than \$70,000 per year) are impacted by the high cost of  
10 housing, and across Greater Pierce County, more than 60 percent of home-owning  
11 households and 40 percent of renters spend a disproportionately high percentage  
12 of their income on housing costs, and

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14 WHEREAS elected leaders from across Pierce County, including Mayors of  
15 each city and town, and leaders from the Puyallup Tribe, were invited by Mayor  
16 Woodards and County Executive Bruce Dammeier to learn more about the local  
17 housing market and its impacts, and

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19 WHEREAS this group of leaders conducted a series of workshops and  
20 panels in 2019 and 2020 in an effort to work collaboratively to address issues  
21 related to housing, and seek ways to increase their long-term, collective impacts on  
22 housing; this coalition is currently known as the South Sound Housing Affordability  
23 Partners ("SSHAP"), and

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25 WHEREAS in alignment with the direction from the first Mayoral Roundtable  
26 meetings, this coalition will create a sustainable pathway to greater housing



1 opportunity in Pierce County while honoring each jurisdictions' individual community  
2 needs and circumstances, and

3 WHEREAS this regional approach could ensure that governments of all  
4 sizes have access to information and tools that will allow them to address housing  
5 attainability across the region, and that the City's work on affordability will not be the  
6 sole source of attainable housing for middle and low-income families, and

7 WHEREAS with the onset of COVID-19, local leaders have reaffirmed their  
8 commitment to this work, noting the potential for a historically high number of  
9 households being subject to eviction or foreclosure when related moratoria end; an  
10 allocated \$25,000 in funding will go to Pierce County who pooled funding from  
11 approximately ten governments to jointly hire a consultant, and is the City's  
12 contribution to supporting SSHAP's work in 2020, and

13 WHEREAS faith community audits enable congregations to work together to  
14 map and measure their social and economic impacts across communities, and  
15 once completed, the results allow members of the faith community to identify and  
16 create new opportunities to partner with government, business, media and other  
17 sectors of civic society in service to the community, and

18 WHEREAS in conversations with community members during COVID-19,  
19 Mayor Woodards has heard from many residents with a strong desire to assist their  
20 neighbors, as well as a rising number of community members experiencing new or  
21 heightened levels of need due to the impacts of the pandemic, and

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WHEREAS one-time funding of \$25,000 for a faith community audit is a first 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, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Reads is a local community reading program that seeks to unite the community in dialogue around contemporary themes through reading a common text, and is a partnership of the City and Tacoma Public Library, and supported by King's Books, Pierce County Library System, Puyallup Public Library, Tacoma Public Schools, and University of Washington Tacoma, and

WHEREAS COVID-19 has impacted sponsorship and the format of events, and Tacoma Public Library has created an alternative plan for how community members of all ages can continue to read together, engage in activities and discussion, and connect over these stories despite the pandemic, and one-time funds of \$10,000 would support virtual Tacoma Reads programming for children, young adults, and adults, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 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 the extent of the need for these services could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial budget, and



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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,

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

That one-time funding in the amount of \$282,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of expenses aligned with community needs in the 2019-2020 biennium, including: the purchase of body worn cameras for Tacoma Police Department personnel, a council-requested fossil fuel study, language access and translation services, the City's portion of funding 2020 activities of the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners, a faith community audit, and virtual programming for all ages in conjunction with the 2020 Tacoma Reads program.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney